

**State Leaders Debate Merits of Funding Plan**



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**BOG, State Legislators Keep Quiet on Proposal**

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University leaders and state legislators are reserving judgement on a tuition proposal UNC-system President Molly Broad recently released.

Broad's plan, announced late last week, will be presented to the Board of Governors on Friday. The BOG will make a tuition recommendation for all 16 UNC campuses in February.

The plan calls for a \$100 increase in tuition to fund capital improvement projects and a \$200 increase at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University to fund faculty salaries.

Brad Wilson, chair of the BOG's budget and finance committee, said he would not comment on the proposal until after the BOG workshop on Friday.

But Wilson said Broad's proposal provided the BOG with a sound starting point. "(Broad's) plan begins the discussion of the Board of Governors on all three subjects - tuition, financial aid and faculty salaries," he said.

Wilson said he recognized the need for faculty salary increases at UNC-CH and N.C. State. He also said the BOG would consider tuition proposals from UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Wilmington and East Carolina University, despite the fact that Broad's plan did not include special tuition increases for the schools. Student BOG member Jeff Nieman,

who has spoken out against increasing tuition in the past, would not comment specifically on Broad's proposal.

Nieman warned against linking tuition to faculty salaries or capital improvements, fearing it might set a dangerous precedent.

But BOG member John Sanders said increasing tuition to fund capital improvements and faculty salaries might be the only alternative. "It is not a desirable way to go," Sanders said. "It is simply the necessary way to go."

The BOG will also consider a recent UNC-CH proposal to raise tuition \$1,500 over the next five years, solely to fund faculty salaries.

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Anne Cates said Broad's proposal fell short because it only provided an increase in faculty salaries for one year.

"I am anxious to see what the BOG is going to do," Cates said. "We really need more than one year for tuition."

But Sanders said it was unlikely the BOG would recommend the UNC-CH plan as it stands. "I think that the proposal that the Chapel Hill trustees made is far in excess of what will be approved," he said.

Once the BOG compiles its budget request in February, it will go to the N.C. General Assembly for funding when the legislature reconvenes in May.

State legislators were reluctant to comment on the specifics of Broad's

proposal, but said the short session would see many needs vying for funds.

Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, said the plank of Broad's plan that would fund capital improvements from tuition was an "interesting twist." But he said the state also needed to provide revenue for such initiatives.

"I want to make sure that there is a long-term commitment on the part of the state to respond to the universities' capital needs," Lee said. "We can see this as a good beginning, but it will not be all we will have to do. The legislature will have to step up and do its part."


Lee said he would only support a tuition increase that was paired with an increase in financial aid.

Sen. John Garwood, R-Alexander, said finding a way to keep professors and fund capital improvements would be a priority during May's short session.

Garwood said he did not want to see a tuition increase, but the \$836 million the state recently allocated to flood victims in eastern North Carolina had left state coffers shallow. "There is going to be a very tight budget situation this year, but we have to find ways to fund the university," he said.

Garwood said some tough decisions would come in May. "We may have to do something we would not like to do."

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Soccer	Tuesday, Jan. 18

**NOTE:** The Soccer deadline has been moved up due to the anticipated mid-February construction on Carmichael Field. The soccer format will be a shortened season with no playoffs.

**SPORTS OFFICIALS NEEDED!** The Intramural Sports Program is hiring students interested in officiating basketball, soccer and volleyball. Starting pay is \$5.75 per hour with flexible scheduling. Initial clinic date is Tuesday, Jan. 18. For more information contact the Campus Recreation office at 962-1153.

**SPORTS Agent Meeting:** For Students Promoting Organized Recreation To Students, the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7PM in WG301. SPORTS Agents are volunteers who help promote intramurals on and off campus.

**EMPLOYEE INTRAMURALS:** Deadline for winter sports, Basketball and Squash, is Friday, Jan. 14. Interested faculty and staff should contact Campus Recreation by email: pomerant@email.unc.edu

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