

# Committee Cites Progress Of UNC's Female Faculty

**Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy updated the Faculty Council about the tuition increase proposal.**

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Female faculty members have shown marked improvements in the academic arena, show an annual report presented to the Faculty Council at Friday's meeting.

The Committee on the Status of Women, whose goal is to address obstacles faced by female faculty and propose steps to overcome any barriers, studied indicators of the status of UNC female faculty such as hiring, national doctoral degree rates and proportions of women in each department.

The report, written by committee Chairwoman Abigail Panter, showed that the percentage of women hired in 1998-1999 for academic and health

affairs was the highest in 14 years.

It also illustrated how the percentage of women on the tenure track and the number of women earning doctorates had increased relative to numbers at peer institutions.

Much of the faculty discussion was about the University's growth as a research institution during the next several years.

Four University deans, including Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Jeffrey Haupt, the dean of the School of Medicine, Madeleine Grumet, dean of the School of Education and William Roper, dean of the School of Public Health encouraged faculty to bolster research at UNC.

Palm said she hoped UNC faculty could focus on becoming more active in research while still having research faculty engaged in undergraduate teaching. "We need to avoid getting caught up in fickle national rating games and make our own rules to define Chapel Hill."

"This is an exciting time for Chapel Hill. In some ways we are at a cross-

roads; we can improve dramatically, but only if we make the right choices."

Grumet agreed that research was an area that needed a boost in the future.

"What we have here is great innovation with very little research," she said. "The situation is truly a crisis."

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy also updated faculty about the status of the proposal to raise tuition, just after the Board of Governors completed its discussion of the proposal in Wilmington last weekend.

McCoy presented the Faculty Council with a brief summary of the board's discussion of UNC-system President Molly Broad's tuition proposal.

Broad's plan would raise UNC-Chapel Hill's tuition by \$475 over three years. "[The BOG] reviewed the tuition policy guidelines, but there can still be a situation which calls for a tuition increase," McCoy said.

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# Pundit Blasts UNC Spending Policies

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As the UNC system faces a state financial crunch and urgent capital needs, one agency has criticized the universities for using funds on low-priority projects instead of financing the real needs of the system.

Jon Sanders, director of publications at the conservative Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, said the UNC system misallocated nearly \$1 billion in the 1990s.

He said tuition increases or more funding from the state legislature would not be necessary if the UNC system spent its money more wisely and efficiently.

Sanders said the universities should have spent their money on building renovations and other necessary projects instead of low-priority projects.

Some expenses that were previously criticized by the Pope Center included \$9.75 million for an Appalachian State Convocation Center, \$7.1 million for the UNC-TV transmitter tower at UNC-Chapel Hill and \$7 million for an athletics stadium expansion at East Carolina University.

But Sanders could not provide a list of expenses that added up to the

claimed \$1 billion.

He said that, in these times of financial belt-tightening in North Carolina, the UNC system would do well to cut back on some of its less necessary programs.

"Any organization is going to have superfluous spending in times of crisis," Sanders said.

But Sen. James Forrester, R-Gaston, said he was supportive of the way the UNC system spent its money.

"My experience is that UNC has handled its money fairly wisely," Forrester said.

He said his one concern was that in the UNC system there was a tendency to build new buildings instead of spending money maintaining existing facilities.

Likewise, Sen. David Hoyle, D-Cleveland, said he had trouble understanding Sander's accusations of mis-spending by UNC and where he came up with the total figure of \$1 billion for misappropriated funds.

"You can pull any number out of the air," he said.

Hoyle said he was tired of all the criticism the government received for mis-spending tax-payer funds.

He said for any government program there was always some group or agency

that would claim the program was a waste of money.

But Sanders said UNC officials were unwilling or did not see the need to cut back on some of their programs.

Rather, he said, they were looking to raise student tuition or receive more money from the state.

Sanders did say that tuition should be raised, but only if education costs remained the same and the taxpayer's burden was reduced.

He said he would be somewhat supportive of the original proposal by the UNC-CH Board of Trustees to raise tuition \$1,500 over five years if it led to an overall reduction of education expenses by the government.

"I think it's a step in the right direction, only if it is a way to put more burden on the students instead of the state," Sanders said.

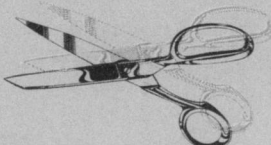
But he was more critical of UNC-system President Molly Broad's recent tuition increase proposal, which would raise student fees by \$275 over three years.

"I'm actually troubled by the use of fees on top of tuition," he said.

"It masks the cost."

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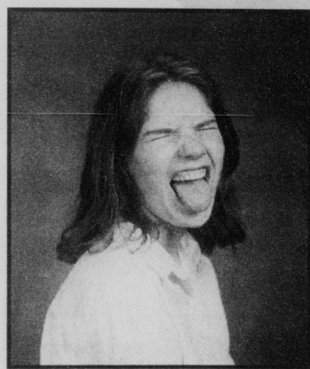
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