

N.C. State University Chancellor Marye Anne Fox announces she will also seek a tuition increase to fund student services. The N.C. State BOT approves the increase.

November 1999

UNC-Charlotte and East Carolina University propose tuition increases. The Board of Governors hosts a two-hour systemwide forum to hear student concerns about the increase.

December 1999

UNC-system President Molly Broad proposes a \$275 increase at all 16 UNC-system schools in three years. She also recommends a one-year, \$200 tuition increase at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University to address faculty salary needs.

January 2000

Broad decides to delay action on the capital fee portion of her recommendation, pending consultation with the N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry. The NCCBI will help system officials determine the most economical way to provide capital improvements.

February 2000

The BOG Budget and Finance Committee recommends increasing tuition at five UNC-system schools. The proposal would increase tuition for two years at UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University, East Carolina University, UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Wilmington.

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The BOG votes in favor of the committee proposal, despite an alternate proposal put forth by nonvoting student BOG member Jeff Nieman. Nieman's proposal mirrored the recommendation Broad made in January.

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BOG Proposal Sits Well With Trustees at UNC

Vote Draws 6 Presidential Contenders

By ALEXANDRA MOLAIRE
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Board of Trustees members said the Board of Governor's Friday decision to raise tuition was a step in the right direction, but some say the \$600 increase is not enough to keep UNC-Chapel Hill competitive.

The BOG voted Friday to increase tuition at UNC-CH and N.C. State University by \$600 during the next two years to boost faculty salaries. The proposed tuition increase will now go to the N.C. General Assembly for approval.

In October, the BOT recommended a tuition increase of \$1,500 over the next five years. The BOG tuition plan represents the first two years of the BOT proposal. Anne Cates, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the trustees were appreciative of the BOG's vote to raise tuition.

"We hope that by supplementing tuition for the legislature for the next two years, that they will want to push for educational funds when they are better able to," she said. "We're trying to motivate the legislature to assume the role of paying for education."

Cates said the BOT's October recommendation was only to supplement the funds that the legislature was unable to provide.

"We want the best for you (students) and for your education," she said. "We stand ready with the 16 other schools in the system to rally the legislature in the future."

Trustee Billy Armfield said he was pleased with the BOG vote because it kept the University competitive with other schools. "I'm very pleased

because it enables us to provide more financial aid," he said. "It keeps our tuition well below our peer institutions."

Armfield said the vote was a meaningful step on the road toward competitive faculty salaries.

But he said the increase was not enough. "It's a first step, but it doesn't get us to where we want to be to get our faculty compensated," he said.

Armfield also said he did not understand the student protests surrounding the increase. "No student on financial aid will be impacted by the tuition increase," he said. "All students will benefit from retaining our good faculty."

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BILLY ARMFIELD
Board of Trustees Member

Trustee Stick Williams said the vote showed that the BOG recognized the BOT's intent to increase faculty salaries and protect accessibility to UNC.

He said that when BOT members met in October, they mandated that 35 percent of the increase go toward grant-based financial aid. "By voting for two years of increases, the BOG is allowing us to address the faculty salary gap and also set aside money for financial aid."

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Board of Trustees Chairwoman Anne Cates said she appreciated the BOG's vote to raise tuition.

Five of the six student body president candidates say there is still hope to defeat the tuition proposal.

By KIM MINUGH
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Student body presidential candidates made an important stop on the campaign trail Friday as the Board of Governors made their final decision about a controversial tuition increase.

And while the high-profile, media-soaked meeting could be seen as fertile political ground, the candidates said they too felt the frustration of the approved \$600 increase.

Erica Smiley, who has been a visible crusader against the tuition increase since last summer, hoisted a banner high in the air and in sight of the board.

After the vote, she was in the media spotlight as she joined other protesters outside.

"I'm going to stick to my guns," she said. "This thing can't die with the decision of the BOG. It can't die when the semester ends. The difference between here and Raleigh is we have electoral power over our representatives. If (they) won't fund our education we're going to put someone in power who will."

Brad Matthews also quietly held a sign in the room and attended the press conference. "It was encouraging to see such a strong student turnout and to see a lot of support on the board itself."

He said the numbers could be pared down even more at the General Assembly. "The (Board members) who supported (us) are well-respected and very influential citizens in this state."

Though he assumed a prominent role in the display of protest outside, he said he was driven by student interest. "I was doing my part as a student to make sure our voice was heard."

Matt Martin, who missed the vote because of class, said he was heartened

by the 11 votes against the proposal.

"I hope to use the dissenting opinions to talk to the General Assembly," he said. "I'm disappointed but glad to see there were 11 governors willing to stand up for students."

He said convincing the officials in Raleigh to protect students' wallets would take more than student opposition, it would take communication. "It's not just a strong student presence showing up with signs, but talking to the legislators."

Joshua Ray said he and candidate Preston Smith swept the campus in the morning to gather student support. Although he was disappointed by a small student turnout, he said the fight still had potential.

"We went out to garner student support. We tried to cram as much support in that room as we could," he said.

Ray said the fight wasn't over. "It doesn't stop there. If we can get our student body together with other schools then (the legislators) will listen. We need to keep pushing the issue. Nothing's ever final."

Smith said that although he was disappointed by the vote, he was not surprised. He said students must now turn their attention to preparation. "We have to start dedicating ourselves to a long term solution."



SBP candidates Erica Smiley (left) and Brad Matthews answer questions after the Board of Governors vote to increase tuition Friday.

He said he avoided media attention because he had not been involved in the fight long enough. "It's not my turn to be on the cameras. I didn't want to be a typical politician."

Michael Harris said he was proud of the students who turned out in opposition, adding that it was important for all six candidates to attend the meeting to

show support for other students.

"I don't think any of us were there just to get our name in the paper. This was not a publicity stunt. We were all there, we were all protesting, all there for the same goal."

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| Ernest L. Mackie Award | Character, scholarship, leadership (male) |
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