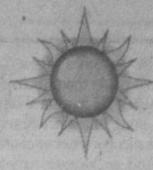


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Moeser Urges Faculty, Students to Fight Proposed Budget Cut

Friday's Faculty Council meeting also addressed a report concerning grading policies and grade inflation.

By ANN HAU
Staff Writer

Rousing applause echoed through the halls of Wilson Library on Friday as faculty members lauded Chancellor James Moeser's powerful argument against the possible budget cuts from the UNC system.

Moeser rallied those attending the

Faculty Council meeting to support him in his stand against the 7 percent budget cut from the UNC system — a total of \$125 million — that the state legislature's Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education formally requested last week. If enacted, the University's share of the cuts would total close to \$25 million.

"He came out, both barrels blasting," said Faculty Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff.

Moeser asked faculty members to fight to protect the integrity and quality

of UNC. He also emphasized that the tuition money intended for faculty salary increases would not be used to offset the budget cuts.

Estroff followed with a call to "join together to form an embrace of the common cause."

"We will not sell North Carolinians short," she said.

"We will not undermine their confidence (in the University)."

Moeser's speech at the meeting was part of an effort to spark a grassroots campaign by UNC faculty, students and parents to put pressure on state lawmakers.

He sent an e-mail to the University

community Thursday informing it of the possible cuts.

The meeting also addressed a report of the Committee on Grading Standards, which was formed last year to investigate University grading policies and suspected grade inflation.

Committee Chairwoman Beverly Long presented the report and answered questions from concerned faculty.

The report served to raise faculty members' consciousness about grading standards, and it attributed rising student grade point averages, which have been increasing at UNC and at colleges around the country, to a variety of causes.

It offered recommendations to the council on how to address the University's grading policies.

The report proposed an annual review of grades and a general summary of grading patterns by each department. It also supplied specific definitions of letter grades.

Some faculty members questioned the frequent review of grades.

One professor said it was "too intrusive." Another said the authority of professors was "being eaten away."

Others questioned the semantics of the definitions and called for a new grading system altogether.

The differing viewpoints and grading

issues raised by the report will be revisited in the fall when the Faculty Council votes on grading resolutions.

There was also dissent regarding the proposal to change the academic schedule and shorten the current 150-day requirement.

The faculty postponed voting on the resolution to raise the issue at the faculty assembly of the UNC system after lengthy debate of the pros and cons.

Among other items discussed at the meeting, the council re-elected Secretary Joseph Ferrell to his position.

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'Greek Freaks' Step to Raise Money

The step show, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., featured eight teams.

By JENNY MCLENDON
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Hours of planning and organization proved the recipe for success for the Mu Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., bringing a spicy blend of music, dance and cultural pride to the UNC campus again this year.

Greek Freak 2001 drew an audience of nearly 8,000 as well as eight step teams from regional universities Friday night, making Carmichael Auditorium the venue for what organizers call the largest step show on the East Coast.

Stepping, which originates from a form of worship in African culture, incorporates both traditional and modern dance elements to express cultural pride. For the 14th year in a row, Greek Freak succeeded in showcasing this sense of unity.

As Alpha Phi Alpha's primary philanthropic project, the annual show generates funds for the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, the Inter-Faith Council homeless shelter and academic scholarships.

The 2000 competition raised more than \$6,000, but organizers would not disclose how much money this year's event garnered.

BET television personality Hits From the Street was the emcee of the event, infusing the crowd with energy and not missing the opportunity to poke fun at some audience members, bringing many to their feet with his trademark comedy.

Senior Charles Campbell, Greek Freak's coordinator for the second year, said months of planning went into Friday's step-off. "This is our biggest event and one of the most well-



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Hampton University student Didi Wells steps with other members of Delta Sigma Theta sorority Inc. at Greek Freak 2001 on Friday night. Celebrity host Hits From the Street (below) keeps the crowd laughing.

known step shows on the East Coast."

Eight teams representing seven of the nine National Pan Hellenic Council groups vied for the two \$1,500 first-place prizes and two \$500 second-place prizes. The money was awarded to each of the two top fraternity and sorority teams.

Kevin McDowell, a senior from South Carolina State College, said his team started rehearsing nine months in advance. "We've worked really hard, and we came to win," he said. "(To us), this is a sort of fund-raiser to help keep our chapter going."

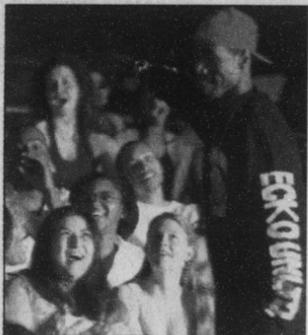
In the end, McDowell's group,

the Eta Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity Inc., walked away with second place, edged out for first by the Beta Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc.

Ending with Eve's "Who's That Girl?," the Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority Inc. told the audience exactly who they were, taking home \$500 for second place.

But the Rho Alpha chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority Inc. left with first prize, dedicating part of their routine to unity between competing groups.

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Education Funding Cuts Likely, Legislators Say

Other state agencies such as law enforcement, social services and public schools also are facing budget cuts.

By CLIFF NELSON
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Gov. Mike Easley continues insisting that legislators avoid dipping into the state's education funding, even as the state budget deficit grows.

But state legislators, struggling to draw the balanced budget required by the state constitution, said it is unlikely that a financial alternative to education cuts will be found.

Lawmakers on the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education recently asked education officials to present a plan for cutting \$290 million from the education budget — \$125 million from the UNC-system budget. UNC-Chapel Hill would lose about \$25 million under this proposal.

The budget deficit has reached nearly \$800 million, but some analysts are predicting that the deficit will continue growing.

Fred Hartman, Easley's press secretary, said making students suffer is the wrong approach to deficit reduction.

"The governor has made his position clear," Hartman said. "Easley believes we can cut government and still make progress in education. That's why (the cuts he proposed) were in state agencies, not classrooms."

Hartman said the \$125 million cut to the UNC system would harm recent efforts to bring the schools in line with their peer institutions. "It's hard to imagine how we could cut that much and remain competitive," he said.

But both Democratic and Republican

legislators said something has to give to compensate for the state budget deficit.

Rep. Eugene Rogers, D-Martin, was one of the legislators who asked UNC-system President Molly Broad to present a plan for making the budget cuts.

Rogers, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee, said other state programs also are facing possible budget reductions.

"The public schools and community colleges took a big hit too — and other state agencies as well," he said. "The budget deficit isn't getting any better. We don't have any alternative."

Republican legislators said one of the few things that will preserve the education budget is an increase in state revenues — which is highly unlikely.

Rep. George Holmes, R-Wilkes, who sits with Rogers on the subcommittee, said state officials still have no definite idea on how high the budget deficit might balloon. "It could be even worse than currently projected because it is still rising," Holmes said.

Rep. W. B. Teague Jr., R-Alamance, another member of the appropriations subcommittee, also said that the projected shortfall continues to grow.

"Everybody in the state is taking hits — law enforcement, social services, counties and cities," Teague said. "Some localities might have to raise property taxes, and you know how controversial that is."

Teague said he still is surprised at the state's rapidly growing budget deficit, which caught many officials off-guard.

State budget analysts were predicting a budget surplus of about \$500 million last year.

"I don't know how we got into this mess so suddenly," Teague said. "The merchants tell me if there's a recession going on, it isn't a bad one as far as they

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Hooker's Vision, Moeser's Direction Merge to Shape UNC

By BROOK CORWIN
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James Moeser didn't step into the office of UNC chancellor with a clean slate.

The University's top administrative official inherited an ambitious plan to give every student Internet access, a blueprint for 50 years of campus growth and a lofty goal of making UNC the best public university in the nation.

They all came from the unfinished agenda of the late Michael Hooker, who died of cancer in June 1999.

Board of Trustees members and faculty who worked with Hooker said the late chancellor was a man driven by his goals and ideas.

"I would characterize Michael Hooker as a visionary," said Billy Armfield, who served as BOT chairman during Hooker's tenure. "He saw things in terms of being the number one public university that others had not seen nor articulated nor endeavored to do."

That vision now lies on Moeser's desk. But while Moeser said he has main-

tained the direction of several programs implemented under Hooker's reign, he also said aspirations to become the best public university in the nation have been redefined under his lead. "I've changed the rhetoric a little bit from Chancellor Hooker," he said. "I think he was really focusing on the U.S. News & World Report (rankings), and I've tried to pull us away from that. I think that's a trap."

Moeser said he hopes the University's greatness will be seen in its students' and faculty members' commitment to service, development of intellectual capacity and demonstration of leadership.

Such qualities, Moeser says, will not be

reflected in national rankings but in the personal standards held by the University community. "We don't hear

people at Harvard (University) talking about whether they are the best university in America or not," he said. "They just know they're good."

"My sense of being the best public university is that we get to the point where we have so much confidence in ourselves that we don't really talk about it."

Moeser also said he sees UNC's fundamental goals as different from those of other large public universities, which he feels are too great for UNC's tastes. "I think maintaining the balance between being a great

research university and a university that prides itself on teaching is an important

part," he said. "I don't think (the University of Michigan or the University of California at Berkeley defines themselves that way at all or ever has."

An aspect of Hooker's definition of a great public university was providing Internet access and up-to-date technology for every student and faculty member. These goals led to the January 1998 creation of Carolina Computing Initiative, which required all freshmen to own laptop computers by fall 2000 and promised to help students who could not afford the purchase.

The program made its official debut this year but has yet to fully incorporate the new technology into the classroom.

Moeser said such development has proceeded smoothly without an active role on his part. "(CCI) was a well-developed plan ready to be implemented," he said. "I could walk in and basically bless a process that was already well under way and would have happened without me because the leadership was in place."



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Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.

Henry Miller