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# Report Asks to Amend to Sanctions, Burden of Proof

The task force's proposed changes to the Honor Court now go to the Committee on Student Conduct for review.

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The Chancellor's Task Force to Review the Student Judicial System submitted its final report to Chancellor James Moeser last week.

The report titled, "The Practice of Honor at UNC Chapel Hill" proposes significant changes to the Code of Student Conduct.

Among the most noteworthy proposals are motions to change the standard

of proof for all misconduct charges brought before the Honor Court from "beyond a reasonable doubt" to "clear and convincing," to create a fast-track option for guilty pleas in both academic and non-academic cases; to create a student advocate for honor position; and to create a faculty adviser for the student attorney general.

"We were talking about moving away from a criminal law standard because in many instances when it was 99 percent sure that a student had cheated, it was not beyond a reasonable doubt," Marilyn Yarbrough, task force chairwoman said. "That's important in an academic setting because what we're about is education."

"Students make mistakes in judgment. We want to help students understand the consequences before they

leave. That doesn't happen when (offenses) don't even get charged."

Yarbrough said the threat of false convictions is minimal because "there are a lot of safeguards built into the system."

The task force's call for a scale of normative sanctions is the result of the group's overarching view of the judicial process as an educational one.

"We want people to look at the violation and make some judgment about what sanction is appropriate - one that would have educational, rather than just punitive, value," she said.

Yarbrough describes the scale as "a range of sanctions."

"Depending on circumstances, you might get a different sanction," she said.

The report also allows for a fast-track option that expedites the judicial process.

In the past, many students found themselves waiting long periods of time for a sanctioning regarding their cases.

"We thought there should be a limited period of time so that students would know (the decision of the judicial body) and could get on with their lives," Yarbrough said.

The new student advocate for honor would be "someone who would be responsible for helping the campus keep this culture of honor before them," Yarbrough said.

"(The advocate) would help sponsor programs about the student judicial system, do things that would keep it in the public eye - that would show that the student honor system was pertinent to all of us and not just something out there to catch us," she said.

The report also recommends the implementation of an "XF" grade for students who fail a course due to academic dishonesty.

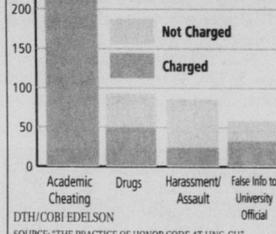
After studying the report, Moeser will refer it to Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor for student affairs, with a request for its recommendations to be reviewed by the Committee on Student Conduct, which oversees student judicial governance at the University.

Moeser will ask that the committee seek input from such bodies as the Faculty Council and Student Congress this fall and submit its final suggestions for action by Dec. 1 - one year after Moeser appointed the task force.

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## A Need for a New System?

A task force has proposed a new judicial system. The chart below shows an analysis of reported student judicial system cases from fall 1997 to summer 2001. There were 167 reported cases in various other areas.



## House Considers Budget

The House will likely cut more out of the education budget than the Senate did, a UNC-system official said.

By ROHIT PATEL  
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The state budget approved by the N.C. Senate on June 19 is set to head to the House in efforts to secure a solution to the state's \$1.5 billion budget shortfall.

The budget, which was approved in the Democrat-dominated Senate by a 33-16 vote, holds positive implications for the UNC system, but some changes are sure to occur in the House.

The Senate budget calls for a 2.4 percent cut to education, a total of about \$42 million. That projection is much

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## BOG Starts Review of Own Policy

A new Special Committee on Tuition and Fees met for the first time June 20 to discuss the tuition policy.

By ALEX KAPLUN  
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The UNC-system Board of Governors began a re-evaluation of its tuition policy last week, a process some student leaders and UNC-system administrators have been anticipating for several months.

The board's existing tuition policy - which was put in place in 1998 - has been criticized by student leaders for being ineffectual and not followed by members of the BOG when making decisions on tuition increases.

The BOG's Special Committee on Tuition and Fee Policies, which consists wholly of BOG members, met for the first time June 20 - mainly to review the

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## Union Construction: 13 Months Overdue

UNC Officials Don't Know What the Extra Cost Will Be for the Yearlong Delay



DTH/KIMBERLY CRAVEN

A construction worker cleans the new Student Union windows Tuesday morning. The opening of the Union is scheduled for July, more than a year after the Union was originally scheduled to be open and about two years after construction began.

Don Luse, director of the Student Union, said Phases II and III are expected to take six months each and will start immediately after Phase I is complete. The projected final completion date for all phases of Union renovation is spring 2003.

- June 2000 • groundbreaking
- June 2001 • first projected completion date
- November 2001 • second projected completion date
- December 2001 • third projected completion date
- February 2002 • fourth projected completion date
- May 2002 • fifth projected completion date
- June 13 • sixth projected completion date
- July 12 • current scheduled completion date
- July 17 • the Union is scheduled to open

New additions to the main building include more meeting rooms for student organizations, an increase in lounge and lobby space and enhanced handicap accessibility. Also, officials plan to add a 24-hour computer lab and copy center. Students will also be able to buy bagels, sandwiches, soups and beverages. The new building will consist mostly of office space for student organizations and student lounges. An open-air walkway will connect the two buildings.



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After seven postponements, the new Student Union is scheduled to open next month, but this delayed opening may cost the University more than originally expected.

The Union was originally scheduled to be completed on June 13, 2001, but because of numerous delays, the completion date has been pushed back to July 12 - more than one year behind schedule.

Due to the delays, the original calculations for both construction and design labor might be considerably undervalued. In addition, delays resulting from faulty construction may unexpectedly increase material costs.

Don Luse, director of the Union, said the contract for the Union consists of three phases. The first phase is the construction of the new Union building, and the second and third phases involve the renovation of the old Union building.

Luse said that if there are additional costs to the Union, it will not have any impact on the appropriations that the University receives from the state. "We won't know any of the additional costs until after the end of the project," Luse said. "We do know that those costs are not going to affect the state's budget situation because the Union project is student-funded."

The University received bids from numerous general, mechanical, electrical and plumbing contractors, from which it chose the best available bids. The original construction cost for the Union project was \$10.4 million dollars.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for planning and construction, said N.C. law stipulated - at the time of the contract - that all state contracts must be multi-prime contracts.

This means the state had to receive bids from a variety of companies in each of the four contracting areas. In a single-prime contract, the state would simply receive bids from a variety of general contractors. These general contractors would then be responsible for subcontracting the mechanical, electrical and plumbing contractors.

Runberg said he believes the multi-prime contract might have created some problems that led to the construction delay. "It creates a difficult contractual process," Runberg said. "The four contractors often have trouble communicating, and therefore they have problems scheduling."

Runberg said these scheduling problems can lead to delays and, subsequently, to extra cost, which must then be resolved through claims negotiations. "It is likely that there will be both claims negotiation between the contractors, as well as between the state and the

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## Business School Requests Lower Tuition Hike Due to Pricing Problems

By ALEX KAPLUN  
Editor

After years of tuition increases, some UNC students might witness what has become a rarity in higher education - a voluntary reduction in tuition.

Robert Sullivan, dean of the Kenan-Flagler Business School, asked the UNC-system Board of Governors

Special Committee on Tuition and Fee Policies last week to reduce the tuition increase for some out-of-state students in the business school.

Sullivan asked that a school-specific tuition increase that is supposed to go into effect this year for all out-of-state master's of business administration students be reduced from \$2,000 to \$500 and that tuition for all out-of-state mas-

ter's of accounting students be reduced from \$1,300 to \$100.

The Special Committee on Tuition and Fee Policies has no power to approve such a change. But the committee passed a motion asking the board's Budget and Finance Committee to consider the tuition reduction at its July meeting.

The rapid rise in the school's tuition can be attributed to both tuition requests

made by school administrators and two large systemwide tuition increases.

Last year, tuition at the school increased by \$4,400 due to a \$2,000 school-specific increase request and a 9 percent systemwide increase approved by the N.C. General Assembly, which was used to cope with the state's budget crisis.

For the 2002-03 academic year, another \$2,000 school-specific tuition increase

is set to kick in, and the General Assembly is also considering a 12 percent systemwide tuition increase, which would raise tuition by another \$2,800. Sullivan said business school administrators did not anticipate such a large systemwide increase when they asked for their own school-specific tuition increase last year.

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The law must be stable, but it must not stand still.

Roscoe Pound