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UNC PLAYING CATCH-UP IN FACULTY SALARIES RACE



BY DANIEL THIGPEN / University Editor

In February 2000, the cycle officially began.

The UNC-system Board of Governors approved a tuition hike of \$600 over two years for UNC-Chapel Hill — the first campus-based increase in years.

In March 2002, the University saw another campus-initiated increase, this time a one-year, \$300 hike.

With each tuition increase, UNC-CH officials looked to the University's less-than-competitive faculty salaries for justification — the problem could not be addressed without campus-based increases, let alone solved.

With a semester left in the academic year, officials already are planning for another three to five years of campus-initiated tuition

Priorities of Price

A three-part series examining UNC's tuition increases

- Today: Faculty Salaries
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On Oct. 28, 1999, the UNC Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition by \$1,500 to raise faculty salaries. The BOT is considering a similar action this year.

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Tuition Increases Over Time

September 1995
The BOT votes to raise tuition \$400, with 45 percent of the increase going to faculty salaries.

Oct. 28, 1999
The BOT votes to raise tuition \$1,500 for all students over five years.

Oct. 18, 1999
The Chancellor's Committee on Faculty Salaries and Benefits approves five-year plan to raise in-state tuition \$1,500 and out-of-state tuition \$2,000 to fund faculty salaries.

Feb. 11, 2000
The BOG passes a \$600 increase over two years for all students.

Nov. 16, 2001
Chancellor James Moeser asks the BOT to form a panel to evaluate tuition increase plans and draft a proposal.

Jan. 16, 2002
The Task Force on Tuition recommends a one-year, \$400 increase.

Jan. 24, 2002
The BOT passes a one-year, \$400 increase.

March 6, 2002
The BOG passes a one-year, \$300 campus-initiated tuition increase for UNC-CH.

New Study Plans to Dig Deeper Into Faculty Salary Disparities

Productivity, quality to be considered

BY JENNY IMMEL
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A further study of faculty salary disparities that should be completed by the end of the semester could result in pay changes for UNC faculty members.

Provost Robert Shelton announced the process for addressing faculty salary gaps by gender and by race at the UNC Board of Trustees' University Affairs Committee meeting Wednesday.

An original study was presented to the Faculty Council on Nov. 3. It now is being considered a preliminary report and will be used to determine further action, Shelton said. The first study examined numerous factors contributing to salary disparities, such as levels of qualification, time at UNC and a professor's rank.

But Shelton said the study did not include two key variables: productivity, such as the number of books and papers published, and quality, such as outside recognition and awards.

Shelton said these unexamined factors are the primary determinants of whether

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Senate GOP Aims to Topple Basnight

BY MATT HANSON
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A Republican-led coalition said last week that it could have enough votes to remove N.C. Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight from his decade-long reign over the chamber.

Given the 28-22 Democratic majority in the Senate's upcoming session, Republicans have a chance to vote Basnight, D-Dare, out of the Senate's top position if they get at least four Democrats to vote against him.

Basnight, who has held the top post in the Senate longer than any other legislator in history, often is considered one of the state's most powerful politicians.

Senate Minority Leader Patrick

Ballantine, R-New Hanover, claimed last week that two Democrats already have agreed to vote against Basnight, according to The Charlotte Observer. He also said a third senator has promised a vote against Basnight if a fourth will join the coalition.

Ballantine, who could not be reached for comment by press time, has not given the names of the coalition's Democratic supporters — a smart move, say some Republicans.

"You don't go naming people so that the other side can put pressure on them," said Rep. Fern Shubert, R-Union, who will be the Senate minority whip starting in January. She added that she thinks that "there are lots of folks who would like to see changes made."

But Basnight said he does not believe

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GOP leaders claim they have almost enough votes to end Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight's (right) reign.

A horse never runs so fast as when he has other horses to catch up and outpace.

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