

2 claim experience to lead faculty

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The race for Faculty Council chairman is winding down. The votes have been cast, and the results are pending.

Last Friday, faculty members submitted their ballots to determine whether chemistry Professor Edward Samulski or law Professor Judith Wegner will get the post.

The results will be announced Friday.

Sue Estroff, Faculty Council chairwoman, said both candidates are qualified for the position.

"Both are highly respected, well-known members of the faculty," she said. "Either of them will do a terrific job."

Although both candidates have impressive résumés, each specializes in vastly different areas.

Samulski, who began his career at the University of Connecticut, said his weakest point also is his strongest — he has not followed the actions of the Faculty Council during his time at UNC.

"I'll be willing to try things that other people have tried and have already figured out don't work," he said.

Samulski said he has spent most of his time at UNC focusing on faculty salaries and how to increase them.

"I believe faculty salaries should be supplemented in order to retain the best and hire the best faculty," he said. "But there are no simple answers, and anyone who thinks there are simple answers doesn't understand the magnitude of the situation."

In 1999, Samulski publicly campaigned to increase salaries, even if that meant increasing student tuition to do so. He served on one of UNC's first tuition task forces to examine the possibility of tuition dollars going to help make faculty salaries more competitive.

Samulski also said the faculty should be more involved in the financial decisions of the University. "I think the North Carolina economy is going to go further down, and the University

will have to make some tough decisions," he said. "I want the faculty to be very involved in those decisions because it's going to affect the very fabric of the University."

Wegner, who also is the faculty adviser for the Committee on Student Conduct, has been a leader in the first campuswide reform of the honor system in 30 years.

Wegner said her experience with COSC and the Honor Court will help her lead the Faculty Council.

"It shows that I have some vision, and it also shows that it's important to get things done," she said. "It has been useful to let me work with people in other areas and to say, 'Let's get things done and not have them drag on for years and years.'"

Wegner also said she focuses on increased communication among departments. "I'd like to have (the) Faculty Council host some town

halls in different parts of campus," Wegner said.

"Some people in the (School of Law) don't know where the physics building is or have never been to the chemistry building. I want to enhance communications."

The University Gazette, which is a publication for University staff and faculty, also is something Wegner said she would like to improve. "There's a lot of committee work going on that people don't know about," she said. "I'd like there to be a once-a-month e-mail bulletin highlighting the things that are going on in different departments."

The new chairman will take office July 1 and will serve for three years.

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Students may get new cable, phone options

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Students on campus could have new communications options available in residence halls — such as additional cable channels and cellular phone service — starting as soon as the fall semester.

The Residence Hall Association and UNC Student Telecommunications Services will release a survey this week asking students on campus about their desires for service in the residence halls.

RHA President Kristin Conte said the survey — which will be sent to all campus residents through an e-mailed link — aims to determine what students' preferences are for campus telephone and television services.

Questions on the survey will poll students on their opinions about potential options, including billing styles, online payment, cellular phone service, electronic calendaring and cable channel preferences.

"The topics were brought to us by STS, and we gave some suggestions for what residents might like," Conte said.

The University offers a wireless telephone service plan with Cingular Wireless.

Under the program, UNC students — both on campus and off campus — receive a variety of discounts, including a free telephone worth \$80 or less with a 24-month service commitment, a 25 percent

discount off regularly priced accessories and an activation charge waiver.

Conte said University officials hope to have the survey results compiled sometime during the summer and plan to make changes in communications services immediately.

"(STS) is hoping to implement some things by sometime next semester," she said.

STS provides free local phone service and voice mail and has discounted plans for long distance phone services.

Other options, including call waiting, speed dial and three-way calling, also are available at an additional charge.

Access to a limited number of cable networks is included in students' housing room rental charges, but premium channels such as HBO cost extra and are added to students' monthly telephone bills.

Right now, pay-per-view channels are not available to students living in residence halls.

Conte said RHA and STS officials are excited to find out the results of the survey and look forward to providing new options to students.

"The survey is really for STS," she said. "We're looking for ways to extend our services and have more service for telecommunications."

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The Department of Public Safety is offering parking pre-registration for all eligible students for the 2003/2004 academic year now through Thursday, May 22nd, 2003. To register, you'll need your license plate number, a vehicle description, and proof of liability insurance (insurer, policy number, and expiration date). Visit the Department of Public Safety's website to pre-register and find out more information about student parking for next Fall:

www.dps.unc.edu

The pre-registration process is a lottery; all those who pre-register before Thursday, May 22nd, 2003 have an equal chance of receiving a permit. So, pre-register online, and put yourself in the driver's seat when it comes to parking next year.

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Tuesday, April 22

12:30 p.m. — The UNC School of Social Work Social Justice Caucus is holding an Earth Day Sustainable Development and Responsible Consumption Workshop at the Tate Turner Kuralt Building Auditorium. Presentations will be made by Meredith Powers and Dee Gamble.

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