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"We don't see it as a lobbying effort," said Jonathan Howes, special assistant to Chancellor James Moeser. "This was just a way to try and get to know the council better and improve our relationship."

The coalition thinks otherwise.

Chapel Hill resident Elaine Barne, who presented the petition at Monday's meeting, said she thinks this is a case of lobbying on the part of the University.

"We just felt like it was something that needed to be brought to the council's attention," Barne said. "We felt that this was their way of getting around open meetings."

In the petition, the coalition asks the council to take three steps to end the policy.

First, it asks the council to recognize the efforts by University officials as lobbying.

It then asks the council to put an end to the meetings until a policy regarding lobbying efforts outside the public process can be established.

Finally, it asks the council to pass lobbying regulations similar to those of Madison, Wis., which require registration of lobbyists and disclosure of their activities.

"We don't feel it's the end-all,

be-all of ordinances," Barne said. "But it's something."

She said that although the meetings technically are legal, she believes they should not be held in private because important community issues, such as the implementation of Carolina North, might be addressed in the meetings.

"We're not asking to restrict communication," she said. "We just want it to be an open process. ... We thought it was important to include the public in all this."

Howes, a former mayor of Chapel Hill, said concerns that the meetings are a way around the N.C. Open Meetings Law have no substance.

The law states that any meeting of the majority of an elected body taking place for the purpose of conducting hearings, participating in deliberations or voting upon public business within its jurisdiction must be open to the public.

"The University is working hard to make sure that citizens know what this is all about," Howes said. "One-on-one meetings aren't the place where any action is going to be taking place."

Former council member Joe Capowski also said he doesn't think the policy serves as a way around the open meetings law and pointed out that there is nothing

illegal about the policy.

"Any citizen of Chapel Hill is allowed access to their elected officials," he said. "And Nancy Suttenfield is a Chapel Hill resident."

Suttenfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, is one of UNC's council liaisons and met Tuesday with new council member Sally Greene.

Capowski also said he does not

believe the system puts a damper on input from the community regarding its interests and that it actually helps town-gown relations.

"Public input in Chapel Hill is legendary," he said. "I don't see how (the policy) discourages input."

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noting that it has been a budgetary concern in the past.

"We have been accommodating this automatic inflation growth in Elsevier over the course of our past contract," he said.

"We just can't sustain that anymore because our budget increases aren't automatic."

Hewitt was concerned that such an agreement would inhibit libraries' ability to accumulate other texts.

"It really hurts other publishers, and it hurts other disciplines that that publisher doesn't publish in," he said.

Provost Robert Shelton, who was an editor of an Elsevier publication, the Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids, said that although he still has friends at the company, Elsevier is being unreasonable about its demands.

"The problem is their pricing structure," he said. "They have had enormously aggressive price increases."

Shelton said Elsevier officials told him they are committed to single-percentage rate increases. But he contends that inflation is only 2 percent.

He also takes issue with Elsevier's persistence in requiring bundle subscriptions.

"They have insisted that we buy

a lot of journals we don't want," he said. "So they are protecting their weak journals."

In response, Nanette Hennessy, a customer relations official in Elsevier's Orlando office, said that the price increases are simply a result of inflation and that the journals are expensive because of their high quality.

"We charge a higher rate for hospitals because several doctors are sharing the journals," she said.

"The money for the journals pays for author submissions and the printing of the journals and all the research."

Nonetheless, UNC-CH library officials believe Elsevier was unreasonable in its negotiations.

"It's not a good solution," Shelton said. "We need them, and we'd like to think they need us, but I have to tell you that their behavior over the last few years doesn't show that."

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CORRECTION

A raised quote in Tuesday's paper incorrectly identified a teacher at Mary Scroggs Elementary School as Lutashia Grove. Her name is Lutashia Dove.

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value of the Tuition Task Force's across-the-board \$300 proposal, which the Board of Trustees dismissed in November.

"Every student reaps some benefits," she said. "So a campus-based tuition increase should go to each individual student."

Burford said the recommendation reflected the perspective of the entire University community — students, faculty, administrators and trustees — and not just trustees.

Revenues generated from the larger increase now under consideration would cover need-, merit- and talent-based student aid. Graduate tuition remissions, salary support for teaching assistants, faculty salaries, new faculty positions and staff salaries also are identified as targets for tuition revenues.

But Dan Herman, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said the "stickershock" effect undoubtedly will hinder the University's mission.

Graduate students teach 50 percent of all undergraduate instruction hours, he said. "Obviously, the quality of your education as an

undergraduate depends on the quality of graduate students at this University."

John Sanders, a longtime University leader who also served on the UNC-system Board of Governors, said after the teach-in that the proposal is far too large and represents an idea that students are the University's bill payers.

"I assume Carolina can recruit enough out-of-state freshmen," he said. "But the question is, are they the best quality students that Carolina can get just because their daddies can pay the bill?"

Speakers encouraged all students to mobilize against the increase by attending the BOT's meeting next Wednesday and e-mailing or calling the University's policy-makers.

Several students said after the meeting that they will urge officials to take a more gradual approach to tuition increases.

Rob Hilton, a freshman from New York, said he will e-mail at least two people and encourage his friends to do the same. "It is very important because I am going to be here for the next three years."

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"The (elections) code ... doesn't say everything, so the board has to make rulings."

MELISSA ANDERSON, BOE

She said students only can use student organization Web sites to present their platforms and other information, and they cannot use interactive software, such as discussion boards.

Anderson explained that candidates only can dorm storm — the term for campaigning inside residence halls — between 7 and 9 p.m., and then only with the permission of the director of the residence hall.

Candidate Ashley Castevens said it is legitimate for the BOE to make decisions in order to keep elections fair.

"It wouldn't be fair to some candidates, really," she said. "If Melissa feels it would affect the campaigning, that's perfectly acceptable."

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