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BOT gets first look at tuition options

PLANS TO MEET AGAIN BEFORE MAKING DECISION IN JANUARY

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Members of the University's governing board now have their hands on a 60-page document that breaks down the options for the next round of campus-based tuition increases.

But though a decision isn't far away, members of the Board of Trustees plan on meeting at least once more before passing a final recommendation in January.

In the coming months, the board is charged with walking a tight-rope: balancing the University's most dire needs with its mission to remain affordable and accessible.

"I think we need to experiment with all of the options," said Nelson Schwab, chairman of the BOT's Audit and Finance Committee. "You can't push a button and get the right answer. It is something you have to have in the mix of your discussion."

The talks won't be simple. Chancellor James Moeser still wants to weigh in on various research and proposals presented at the trustees' Wednesday meeting, and board members plan to sink their teeth into the documents in a special meeting sometime in the next two months.

Officials are looking to use tuition dollars to maintain funding

for need-based aid, to increase the size of the faculty and to support the salaries of teaching assistants and faculty members.

Members of the Tuition Task Force, charged with studying campus-based tuition increases, have recommended three hike options to address these concerns.

The recommendation breaks down into three ratios: a \$350 increase for in-state students coupled with a \$800 increase for out-of-state students, as well as ratios of \$300-to-\$1,000 and \$250-to-\$1,200.

Each of the options would generate at least \$6.3 million to fund these initiatives and also hold harmless the University's commitment to meeting need-based aid.

Most task force members said they preferred the first option. But

a majority of trustees who serve on the Audit and Finance Committee voiced support for the third option, which represents an increase that, percentage-wise, taxes in-state and out-of-state students most equally.

The results of a price sensitivity study that claims UNC has room to increase tuition, combined with a market-based tuition philosophy trustees passed last year, most likely will determine which of these options will make its way to students' checkbooks.

"We didn't trip over the line last year. We have to identify these needs so we can do something toward them," Schwab said.

Last year, trustees passed a resolution that calls for tuition for



Student Body President Matt Calabria (left) and Trustee Bob Winston listen to a presentation Wednesday regarding possible tuition increases.

Project moves toward next step

Development next in plan's progress

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A Texas real estate consultant hired by the town of Chapel Hill to create a model for a major redevelopment project downtown says his portion of the work is only about 5 percent complete.

"We're still at a very early stage in this," said John Stainback, a managing partner with Stainback Public/Private Real Estate LLC.

Stainback's firm was hired to create a comprehensive model for the redevelopment of parking lots 2 and 5 into mixed-use developments with condominiums, shops and green space.

Lot 2 sits on Rosemary Street behind Spanky's Restaurant, and lot 5 is located across from University Square on West Franklin Street.

Stainback's model also calls for the construction of a new parking deck at the RBC Centura bank on Rosemary Street, which will be moved to the new facility at lot 5.

Stainback also initially proposed that four stories of condominiums be added to the Wallace Parking Deck on Rosemary Street.

But a consulting architect has told Stainback that the deck can only support two added stories.

Town officials are waiting on a definitive answer from another engineering firm about the structural stability of the Wallace Deck.

The next step in the process is the solicitation of developers — Stainback is drafting documents that outline qualifications for developers and solicit proposals from them.

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RHYTHM NATION



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Freshman Yong-Hwa Kim of the Korean percussion group Hanwoori plays a drum Wednesday in the Great Hall of the Student Union during a performance for K-12 students. The field

trip, sponsored by the University Center for International Studies, included a variety of international performances such as formal Japanese tea ceremonies and a Japanese sword martial arts demonstration.

Officials hope to boost ties with research

Campus reaches out internationally

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As Latin American and Caribbean countries transition into the 21st century, poverty remains a glaring problem.

In Argentina, 51.7 percent of the population lives below the poverty line; in Uruguay, the figure is 23.7 percent. In Jamaica, the national debt is rising, and close to 16 percent of the labor force is unemployed.

Evelyn Huber wants to fight this problem.

"It's important to understand how impoverished countries can combat ineffective policy," said Huber, a political science professor who is conducting research on nations such as these to draft more effective social programs.

Recently, Huber spent one year collecting data on these areas' transition from authoritarian to democratic political systems and on their economic liberalization. After more research, she plans to write a book.

"The ideal result would be better policy designs in both national

governments and international agencies," Huber said.

Her research was made possible by a \$63,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation, which the University Center for International Studies helped obtain.

The center acts as a central hub, funding research in a variety of fields and awarding grants that help faculty add international content to UNC's curriculum.

It also plays a central role in the University's goal of becoming a more global school — one of the seven goals outlined in UNC's academic plan.

"We try to be as interdisciplinary as possible," said Niklaus Steiner, executive director of UCIS. "We have the explicit mandate to work across the entire campus."

Last academic year, the center awarded about \$200,000 to faculty and students for research in 40 countries. "We're the catalyst for a lot of international research on campus," Steiner said.

UNC officials broke ground Friday on the Global Education

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Recounts don't end state races

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According to a statewide recount of votes from the Nov. 2 election, Republican Steve Troxler could become the new commissioner of agriculture, and Democrat June Atkinson emerged victorious in the race for superintendent of public instruction.

But thanks to irregularities in some areas, the races aren't quite over — and might not be until next year, when the State Board of Elections, and maybe voters, might have weighed in again on the issue.

Troxler leads Democrat Britt Cobb, the interim agriculture chief, by 2,353 votes — down from the 2,656 he led by last week. In the superintendent race, Atkinson leads by 8,488 over Republican Bill Fletcher.

Now, however, the race is likely to move out of election precincts and into the courts.

Both Cobb and Fletcher called for recounts in their races after losing the initial vote by a margin of less than 10,000 ballots.

But Fletcher sued to have the recount stopped after learning that as many as 10,000 people who cast provisional ballots — given to voters who don't show up on rolls — might have voted in the wrong precinct.



Steve Troxler and June Atkinson are still ahead in the races for commissioner of agriculture and superintendent of public instruction, respectively.

A judge denied that request but will hear Fletcher's case later this month.

And all candidates in the races, except Atkinson, have filed protests over roughly 4,000 votes lost in Carteret County.

During the early voting period, the machines stopped counting votes on Oct. 22. Any votes cast after 11:10 a.m. that morning until the end of early voting on Oct. 30 were not counted.

Now, under state law, those missing votes could mean that Cobb or Fletcher could call for a revote — and some suspect Cobb might petition for one.

"It'll be up to Mr. Cobb to chal-

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Local artist's creations land TV spot



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Chain saw artist Clyde Jones stands in the yard of his Bynum home among critters he has made from old wood, plastic and other items.

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BYNUM — Just a few miles south of Carrboro, a yellow road sign saying "Critter Crossing" marks the home of Clyde Jones, a world-renowned artist who takes wasted wood, a chain saw and his imagination and creates masterpieces.

For more than 20 years, Jones has been making critters from old wood, plastic and whatever else he might have lying around.

Pink elephants, grinning alligators and flower-eyed giraffes litter the front yard of his tiny house. In the back, a gigantic pile of wood sits awaiting inspiration.

"I just make whatever this crazy head wants to do," Jones said, motioning to the family of giraffes that stands sentry over the road leading to his home. "I make critters all the time."

Documentary film crews from France, Germany, Japan and England have visited him recently, and the Discovery Channel finished a segment on this "Chainsaw Artist" a few months ago.

It will air tonight as part of the channel's "Monster Nation" series.

Although he doesn't remember when he was born — he said it was sometime in the late 1930s — Jones does remember almost exactly when he started making his critters.

"In March of 1982, I was walking through the woods, cutting timber, and I was just seein' wasted wood and animals in the woods," he said. "I just decided to take the animals from the wood and free 'em to the public."

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