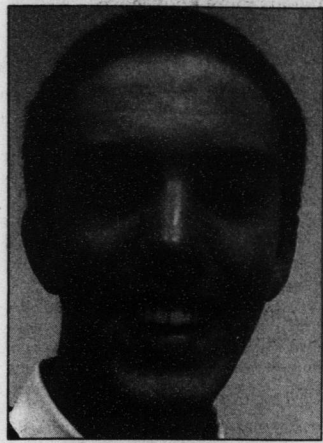


# MIDTERM REPORTS



## Matt Calabria

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Student Body President Matt Calabria is a tireless worker who has poured hours of dedicated research into his work. His knowledge of issues and his professional demeanor make him a powerful presence in any setting.

But that effort has not paid off enough for stu-

dents — Calabria's need for absolute certainty has paralyzed his ability to act on key issues.

His philosophy of choosing his battles might lead to major payoffs in the future, but his tenure has begun with major concessions that don't reflect the beliefs of many of his constituents.

### ISSUES

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Analyze the University's priorities that could be funded by campus-based tuition increases.

The Tuition Task Force met five times, with the presence of Board of Trustees members — who were not present at last year's meeting — to help the process run smoothly.

Solidly broke down funding needs. Providing for need-based aid, increasing the size of the faculty and supporting salaries for teaching assistants and faculty members are good goals.

Fight unreasonable tuition increases.

Has not actively opposed the BOT-mandated guidelines for the Tuition Task Force: to raise UNC-Chapel Hill's out-of-state tuition to the 75th percentile of peer universities.

Calabria opposes the philosophy in theory but seems to believe that efforts to change it are hopeless. We disagree. Students need a representative who stands up for them.

Promote voter registration efforts.

VoteCarolina became an organization largely independent of student government early on, but Calabria's choice of leadership allowed the group to register and mobilize many voters.

Calabria did not lead efforts to pressure officials to move away from their strict application of the facility-use policy. Efforts coming after the election are too little, too late.

Work to gain mutual benefit from Chapel Hill's relationship with the UNC Association of Student Governments.

Exchanged letters of critique with ASG President Amanda Devore. Arranged a meeting between Devore and UNC's student leaders to discuss problems face to face in November.

The ASG isn't running close to full efficiency, but Calabria has missed key meetings and activities that might have helped relations with the group. He should increase participation.

Download cheap and legal music.

Students living on campus will be able to choose one of four programs to experiment with next semester as part of the UNC-system Office of the President's pilot program.

Calabria's insight and efforts to meet with officials from Napster and other file-sharing companies paired with administrators' work have made downloading a real possibility.

Balance conflict-of-interest concerns with the staff and talent needs of student government.

Broke tradition by allowing Cabinet members of student government to continue holding their posts after deciding to work on campaigns for the upcoming student elections.

Calabria contends that there will be no conflicts of interest, but the chance of a de facto endorsement and the precedent of allowing this activity could harm the election process.

Reach out to the student body.

Makes regular appearances with student organizations and gives a large number of speeches each week. Made many appearances at C-TOPS and other activities that welcomed new students.

Calabria's outreach efforts have been mainly geared toward active students and student leaders. Regular students don't get much face time and rarely get to chat with him.

Ensure effective use of student fee money.

The student fee audit committee began its work in September and has been working to ensure that student fees are being used to their maximum capacity.

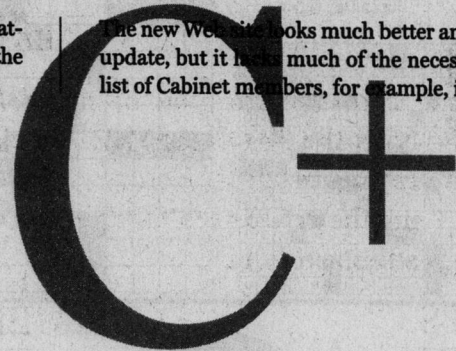
The committee has found and corrected several inconsistencies in student fee allocations. The group provides a valuable service during a year of continuing fee increases.

Streamline Web sites so students can find information more easily.

Revamped the student government Web site to make updating information easier for student leaders who do not have the specialized technological skills needed for the old Web site.

The new Web site looks much better and might be easier to update, but it lacks much of the necessary information. A list of Cabinet members, for example, is not available.

Overall Average:



GRADE SCALE: A = excellent, B = commendable, C = average, D = lacking effort, F = failure

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