

# Mix of old, new greets commissioners

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Incumbent Moses Carey Jr. and newcomer Valerie Foushee were sworn in to the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Monday night.

This is Carey's sixth term on the board. "It's always unique each time," he said, as he stepped forward to be sworn in once again.

Foushee was quiet as she prepared to be sworn in for her first term.

Chief Orange County District Court Judge Joe Buckner administered the oath to both commissioners.

Carey stood alone, and Foushee was joined by her husband, Stan, and son, Terrence, during the ceremony.

After the oaths were taken, the board elected Carey as chairman.

"Let me thank my colleagues for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your chair," Carey said.

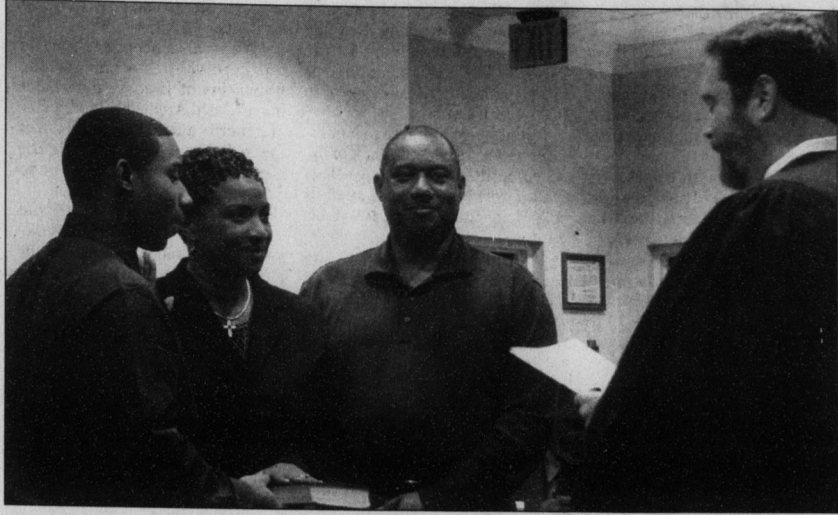
Former Chairman Barry Jacobs was elected as vice chairman, replacing Margaret Brown, who lost her bid for re-election in the July primaries.

"It'll be fun being able to continue to serve, but with Moses showing up with a load of work over there," Jacobs said.

Carey said he is excited to serve with the new commissioners.

"I'm optimistic that the new board will address the needs of the county as the old board did," he said.

Carey said he hopes to use his experience on the commissioners for a more thorough understand-



Chief Orange County District Court Judge Joe Buckner (right) swears in Valerie Foushee as a member of the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Monday night. She is flanked by her son, Terrence, and husband, Stan.

ing of issues facing the county.

"I think (my experience) brings a historical perspective," Carey said. "It also brings a deep knowledge of what the needs of the community have been in the past and why they're likely to be in the future."

He also said his positions on issues have changed little during his 20-year tenure on the board.

"They haven't changed significantly because my goal is always to meet the needs of the residents of Orange County," Carey said. "We continuously address many

important issues and that won't change, either."

Foushee, who is moving from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education to the commissioners, said her current role is to learn about her new office, not to take strong positions.

"My first obligation is to learn so that I can be effective," Foushee said. "I don't come on making any assumptions."

Carey expressed a willingness to help her with her new role. "I'll do anything she needs me

to do," he said.

Foushee served on the school board for seven years and said she was proud of her service.

"I thought the board worked hard to get the best educational opportunities available," she said.

Foushee said she expects her new constituents to get in touch with her the way her old ones did — by phone or e-mail.

"I'm very accessible," she said.

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# NCCU provost steps down amid complaints

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After months of criticism from faculty, N.C. Central University announced that its chief academic officer has abandoned her post.

Chancellor James Ammons told faculty members at a meeting Thursday that Provost Lucy Reuben will leave the university.

While there is no interim provost yet, Ammons told the Faculty Senate that a national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

He would not comment on the provost's departure at press time.

Ammons did state in a press release from the public relations office that he wanted to inform faculty of the decision but that he could not provide details.

"We have some issues that we need to address in that division," he stated. "Our utmost concern is that our faculty have time to focus on teaching, research and public service, our core mission."

Reuben faced complaints about her oversight of academic programs and faculty hiring.

John Clamp, a biology professor at N.C. Central, said Reuben's leadership was not always problematic but often was disorganized and characterized by a lack of communication. He cited faculty hiring problems, contract delays, controversial tenure denials, disputable departmental dismissals and a failure to deal with budgetary issues in a timely manner.

"You could not count on business actually being done," Clamp said. "It was a chaotic type of operation."

Clamp said Reuben's departure created polarization within the normally cohesive faculty, which will be a challenge for the next provost to repair.

When the chancellor announced Reuben's departure, Clamp said, discussion became heated, and Ammons had to call for the crowd

to tone down emotions.

Some faculty members did not want to publicize the university's issues with the provost, he said.

"There's always people that are going to think that having a controversy is risky, but it doesn't mean that you just bury the issue and don't worry about it. You have to take care of business."

Achameyeh Debela, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said he hopes this change will benefit the

university. "What has taken place is a process. ... The chancellor acted upon his finding for what he thought would be the betterment of the university."

"I'm hoping that we will now come together to make sure that this will not happen again and work in a fashion that would allow the development of the university to go on."

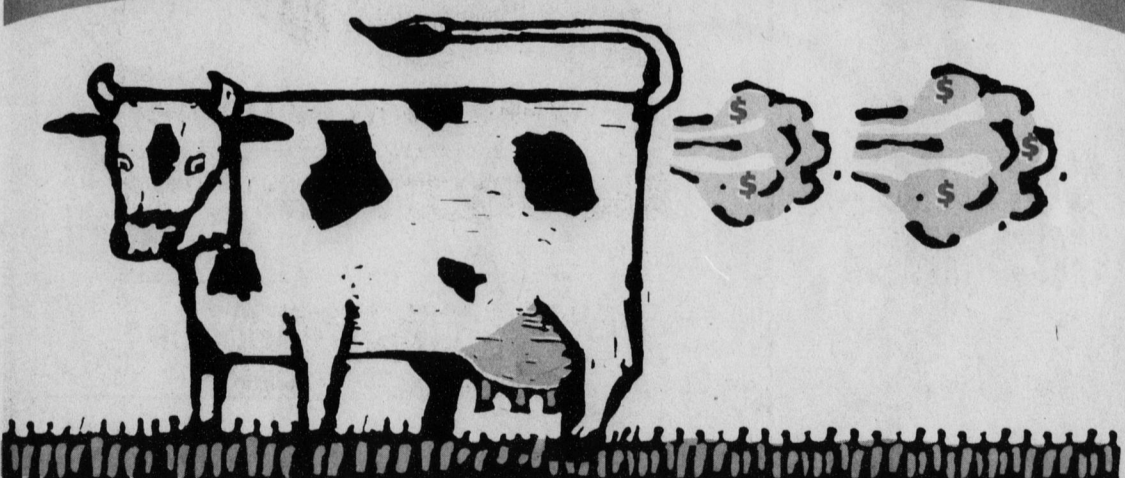
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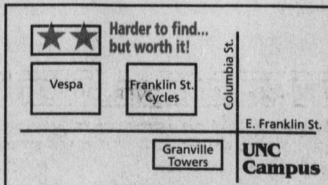
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# Elections to face new regulations

Petition, meeting dates pushed back

BY ELIZABETH BLACK  
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The very day that students step back into classes next semester, the campus Board of Elections will be in full swing, regulating this year's student election season.

After a highly contentious race for student body president last year, the board already has implemented several changes to the campaign process.

Two of the board's adjustments include changing the date for the mandatory candidates' meeting and the deadline for submitting petitions.

The mandatory candidates' meeting, originally planned for Jan. 11, has been moved to Jan. 13. All petitions for potential candidates are due by 5 p.m. Jan. 20, rather than Jan. 18.

The dates for these two meetings are laid out in the Student Code but were altered for this year's election because of the late start of the spring semester.

"The way the semester was laid out conflicted with these deadlines," said Luke Farley, chairman of Student Congress' Rules and Judiciary Committee. "I think they made the right move."

The elections board also will use a system to check for duplicate names on candidates' petitions and to ensure that each name belongs to a UNC student.

"We've never been able to test that," said Walker Rutherford, chairman of the board.

According to the Student Code, students can sign only one petition. In an unusually crowded campaign

last year, eight student body president candidates submitted a total of 9,000 student signatures.

The new system requires each campaign team to create a spreadsheet that includes students' names and PID numbers, as well as the page number corresponding to the paper version of the petition.

In the past, candidates have been on their honor not to duplicate names, because checking each name is an impossible task, Rutherford said.

While Student Congress has yet to officially include the new system in the Student Code, the Code still permits the action, said Heather Sidden, vice chairwoman of the elections board, who will serve as chairwoman of the board in the spring.

"There's a provision in the Student Code that the Board of Elections can ask for any information regarding the petitions," Sidden said. "Walker and I will still be able to do it without Congress enacting change."

She said that with this system — already used successfully in this year's Homecoming election — the Board of Elections should be able to authenticate candidates' petitions the same day they are received.

Board members also are making efforts to increase their presence on campus during the election by holding weekly meetings with campaign staffs.

"They'll have a forum to talk with us and ask questions without tracking us down," Sidden said.

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