

Congress forms groups to study tuition and fees

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Student Congress passed resolutions Tuesday creating two new select committees to evaluate how students' money is collected and spent.

Freshman Congress Rep. Jason Sutton proposed a select committee to study tuition predictability. And freshman Congress Rep. Harrison Brooks presented a resolution for a select committee to study the use of the student fees that are not directly delegated by Congress.

Sutton, who was voted chairman of his proposed committee, said the group would create a report on tuition increases and transparency. "We'll work with executive branch and do some work ourselves," he said. "Students get up in arms about tuition increases, but they don't really see where the extra money is going."

Sutton said he is not quite sure what his committee will find, but he hopes to discover what causes rises in tuition and what the increases fund.

While Sutton's committee determines where student dollars are going, Brooks' committee will study how well activity fees are put to use.

Brooks said his financial efficiency committee will look at the use of the 40 percent of student activity fees of which Congress does not have direct jurisdiction.

For the 2008-09 year, students will pay about \$300 total for activity fees. The 40 percent portion amounts to about \$120 from each student.

These fees are taken "off the top" of the student activity fee budget and given to a select group of organizations such as Carolina Union Activities Board, Student Television and WXYC. The remainder of the funds are given to Congress to be doled out to the other about 600 student organizations.

"It is our obligation to make sure (student fees are) being spent wisely," Brooks said. "We don't have direct control over how they're spending their money."

Brooks added that the committee is not going after any certain organization.

At the meeting, Student Body Treasurer Pedro Carreno pointed out that there is already an executive committee, the student fee audit committee, whose purpose it is to audit the organizations receiving

student fees.

Brooks said that he was aware of SFAC's roles but that it does not have any legislative authority as Congress members do.

"It kind of goes back to the premise of 'Two minds are better than one,' especially when it's 40 percent of student fees," Brooks said.

Brooks added that because of recent events, SFAC has only been able to audit one group this semester.

The resolution also was clarified to explain that the financial efficiency committee would study only organizations that receive student activity fees, not all student fees, as SFAC overlooks.

Congress members also renewed a third select committee that hopes to find a way to put all publications paid for with student fees under one vendor.

It was formed under the last session of Congress.

Bryan Weynand, the committee chairman, said he thinks printing the magazines in bulk could save each organization hundreds of dollars on each issue.

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these projects is to understand we are certainly committed to moving toward a campus that is very sustainable and to continue to work on these together," Jablonski said.

Raynor said that new environmental issues are always arising and that she wants to ensure her proposals allow for incoming projects.

She added that these types of

environmental projects will have an educational impact on students and faculty.

"The time is right for environmental issues on campus," Raynor said. "They're issues of our genera-

tion, and it's time to deal with it, and I hope student government can be a resource for that."

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EXERCISE

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exercisers is group classes. It's not as awkward when 40 other people are doing the same thing.

The instructors act as a type of support system for newcomers.

"The instructors were really nice and walked me right through the classes," senior Catherine Kimel said. "You also have to remember that everyone was new at some point, and there are usually new people in every class."

But the instructors also work hard to make sure all of their students feel comfortable.

"I always come in and introduce myself and try to be just as excited and energetic as possible to get my students to react that same way," said Anne Eudy, who teaches the dance exercise class Zumba.

"I try to explain that it is perfectly okay if you don't get all the steps and just to have fun with it and you will eventually catch on."

Both gyms offer special programs, called fitness orientations, to acquaint those who are new to the facilities.

The tours — which are free,

"When I first started coming to work out at the gym, I definitely felt a little uncomfortable."

NICK THOMAS, SENIOR

and students can sign up online — show future gym-goers where the necessities are and how to work the machines, Hinton said.

The RHRC also offers a two-hour program during orientation for incoming freshmen, facility manager Jordan Albertson said.

Still, some first-timers use the buddy system for their inaugural trip to a recreation center.

"My first time at kickboxing, I felt intimidated but luckily I was with my friend who had already been," junior Jennifer Xiong said.

"Once you go a few times, the intimidation of being a new-comer fades. Now my friend and I come together every week."

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DEPARTMENTS

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Arts and Sciences says the upcoming growth of the student population is nothing the University can't handle.

"For the time being, the college hopes to be able to handle any expansion plans on the main campus," said Dean Holden Thorp.

"With the potential relocation of one or more schools plus the construction of a few new buildings on this campus, we can accommodate the growth we need for the next five to 10 years."

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ART

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figures, masks, pottery and calligraphy.

Board Chairwoman Pam Hemminger said the show serves a valuable purpose.

"The students' work is great, and it's a way for them to stay connected with the arts," she said.

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Sudoku

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UNC shut out

The Tar Heel baseball team lost to Elon 2-0 Tuesday in Cary. See pg. 6 for story.

A tale of innocence

Darryl Hunt, who was freed from prison after wrongful conviction, spoke Tuesday. Go online for story.

Future first lady?

Michelle Obama made a campaign stop in Raleigh for her husband. See pg. 5 for story.

But I was late to class!

Students try different ways to appeal Department of Public Safety parking tickets. See pg. 7 for story.

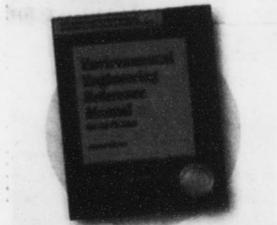
Lighting up the town

Residents comment on a proposal to add blue lights to crime-heavy areas. See pg. 1 for story.

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- Earn
- Long, thin fish
- Perspiring
- 'Painting' painter
- Notable years
- Ed Norton's "office"
- Decade count
- Bury the hatchet
- Sacred ceremonies
- Prevaricator's forte?
- Seer's deck
- Flew high
- Owmed
- German philosopher
- fide (in bad faith)
- Corrida chants
- Family cars
- All Things Considered" net.
- Ascends
- Overfills
- Diver's forte?
- Brian of rock
- Major artery
- Bandleader Shaw
- Mach+ jet

DOWN

- River block
- Supermarket grp.
- Magician of comics
- Pin box
- Astin and Hayes
- San Diego team
- Stout relative
- Cowboy's handle
- Tolkien tree
- Appear (to be)
- Ghost
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- Walther in the NFL Hall of Fame
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- Sleep state
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