

**GAGE**

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ability and expanding online course offerings are two ways that Gage plans to make the UNC system more accessible.

The September board meeting is traditionally a time for the chairman to set out priorities for the year.

"I see it as almost an organizational meeting because we're all on new committees," said BOG member David Young.

Fellow board members said Gage's experience — she has served on the board since 2001 — will enable her to effect change.

"We didn't elect her because she's a woman, we elected her because she's the best person," said BOG member Phil Dixon.

To advance her goals, Gage must bring together BOG mem-



**BOG Chairwoman Hannah Gage** aims to protect the state's investment in the UNC system.

bers, General Administration staff, university chancellors and college trustees.

BOG member Charles Hayes expressed confidence in Gage's ability to unite diverse groups.

"I think she has a good grasp of the system as a whole and how it's all interrelated," he said.

"She's very thoughtful. I think she's very thorough in her quest for knowledge."

Dudley Flood, a BOG member who nominated Gage to lead the board, praised Gage's attention to

detail.

"She's certainly a diligent person, does her homework and all that," he said.

Gage has been looking at ways to push students to graduate in four years and to expand online education in order to cut costs.

Although the UNC system has a central portal for all online classes

— found at [online.northcarolina.edu](http://online.northcarolina.edu) — Gage said not enough students are being pointed in that direction by advisers.

Classes that many first-year students struggle with should be made available online over the summer, and seniors needing only one class to graduate should not be limited to on-campus options, she said.

Gage said she isn't interested in dictating to campuses what they should do about online courses.

"I hope that what I do is raise the level of the conversation," she said. "The level of visibility needs to be raised also by the boards of trustees."

The verdict won't be in for months on whether Gage can accomplish her

goals, but fellow board members are eager to get to work.

"I'm just very excited about her leadership," Hayes said.

"I hope I can say that a year from now, but at least I am now, and that's good."

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**UNDERGROUND**

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clear idea of what it will look like.

"What we'll do is see what the study says and explore our options," he said, adding that it would be designed to complement the other dining facilities on campus.

The leadership center would be a place where students could come to find out about leadership opportunities on campus, Luse said.

"We believe we can be more intentional in helping students develop their leadership skills," he said. "We want to be able to serve any student who comes through the door."

Luse said he would also like to see more technology used in the redesigned Underground, including computers spread throughout the space.

The study comes after a series of focus groups in which students dis-

cussed what they would like to see in the area. The groups included student employees and members of the Union Board of Directors.

Luse said the Union wants to keep the Cabaret performance area in the Underground.

The Underground previously held a bowling alley and game room, which closed in spring 2007. The space currently houses pool and ping-pong tables and practice space for dance groups.

Two students sitting in the Underground on Wednesday said they would like to see a Starbucks downstairs. There is currently a Starbucks at Rams Head Dining Hall.

"There should be another food option," said Krystal Givens, a sophomore public policy major. "All there is, is Alpine."

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