

Report to Senate

12-3-91

Faculty Assembly Meeting

11-22-91

Highlights

AFTERNOON SESSION

President Spangler's remarks:

-- There will be no new state funds for capital improvements (new construction) within the UNC. The 1992 session of the General Assembly will consider the possibility of a bond issue for capital improvements. If this idea passes the General Assembly, it will be voted on by the people of North Carolina November of 1992. There may be some opposition to the bond issue within the General Assembly. So we must get the voters support. The Board of Governors is working with the various Boards of Trustees to make this a state wide effort. Note that if we press for salary increases and other support funds this year we must go to a bond issue for capital improvements, since otherwise these goals will compete with one another. We want your advice on how you and others can be helpful in this matter.

-- President Spangler will recommend to the Board of Governors that they approve of the consultant's report prepared by the four university presidents. This is the report advising the Board of Governors on the sixteen university mission and plan statements.

(Later in the meeting Roy Carroll noted that many mission statements are too long -- the General Administration wants one page mission statements. Dr. Carroll was emphatic about this. Also, Dr. Carroll noted that many statements are too generic (are not distinctive enough). He went on to say that universities need not go back to their old mission statements, they can revise their new mission statements to bring them into line with the consultants report.)

[The consultants report is available in the Faculty Senate office.]

-- President Spangler commented that he expects to see off campus released time for research approved for most cases very soon.

-- In response to a question, President Spangler noted that there is no word yet on the state auditor's report.

Ray Dawson reported on UNC enrollments. Overall, enrollments are up 2%. The system wide average SAT is 844, up 4 points over last year. There is wide variation between

campuses. [The 1991-92 UNC enrollment report to the Board of Governors is available in the Faculty Senate Office.]

EVENING SESSION

The various Faculty Senate and Council chairs will be invited to the February meeting of the Faculty Assembly.

A survey is being conducted of un-reimbursed professional expenses.

The Planning and Programs Committee commented that academic program and academic major credit-hour requirements are increasing and while general education credit-hour requirements are eroding. This is considered a problem on all campuses.

The Budget Committee, after discussion with Dr. Dawson, reported that there is a possibility of a raise this year not to exceed 4%.

The LS2000 online catalog system will not be supported beyond July 1995. This will affect thirteen of the sixteen UNC campuses. These thirteen campuses will have to move to a new system.