

**Faculty Assembly
September 16, 2005**

Resolution honoring past chair, Jeff Passe, was approved.

Brad Wilson, Chair of the UNC Board of governors, reported on 3 items.

1. Presidential Search: Wilson outlined the calendar and procedures for the search and thought the committee would name a new president by the end of the year. When questioned, Wilson responded that there was no special process for faculty input.
2. Tuition Task Force: BOG is engaged in examining the campus-based tuition process. They have identified the need to give authority to individual campuses to raise tuition within an established range, and, in turn, place more responsibility at the trustee level.
3. Textbook: board is looking at the issue of increased cost of textbooks in an attempt to find ways to better serve students in terms of quality and cost. The Planning, Programs, and Administration Committee of the Assembly plans to provide faculty input concerning textbooks. Any comments from ECU faculty can be directed to Jan Tovey.

In spite of a cut of \$42 million [1.7%], the final state budget saw an increase of 10.9%. We can expect hurricane relief to impact federal monies.

Steps have been taken in the admissions process to ensure the safety of UNC students. About 12 students were not offered admission because of failure to disclose information asked on the admissions form.

Committees reported their priorities for the year. These include review of best practices for tenure and review procedures, adoption of the Academic Freedom Resolution, further exploration of strategic plan directions and their impact on the budget, examine role of faculty benefits as recruitment/retention issue, review of organizational structure of the Assembly, improve faculty input into new program development and reallocation of space, and review of the use and impact of Delaware data on resource allocation.

In addition, the Governance Committee will work on helping to bring campuses in compliance with the new Minimal Standards for Shared Governance, passed at the April 2005 meeting.

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