

**UNC Faculty Assembly
Budget Committee Meeting
January 26, 2007**

1. Attendance: Paul Duvall, Mark Spaulding, Gwen Ashburn, Ken Esbenshade, Sandie Gravett, Judith Wegner, Jeffery Geller; Rob Nelson, Ginger Burks
2. Selection of Committee Chair: Judith Wegner (conditional depending on officer elections; if elected will resign as committee chair); Sandie Gravett (vice-chair to serve as chair if Wegner cannot)
3. Resolution on Proposed Budget.
 - a. The group discussed and adopted the draft resolution. It asks that the full Faculty Assembly adopt the resolution at the plenary session this afternoon.
 - b. It recommends that the resolution be distributed to each campus Faculty Senate President, members of the Board of Governors and members of local Boards of Trustees, members of the General Assembly, key state leaders, and others as appropriate.
4. Discussion of PACE. Rob Nelson reported that this project is now in phase 2. It's now assigned to Jeff Davies (chief of staff). He is hoping to bring in a couple of people to be the liaison between GA and the campuses. There's going to be a conference on Trusteeship for Trustees in Greensboro in about two weeks. Chancellors are being asked to provide updates for their piece of this. Several elements to PACE: (a) cuts at GA; (b) PACE commission which looked at realignment of administrative functions within the system and how to economize; (c) campuses to look at leveraging and removing barriers to efficiency and to realign administrative functions. The legislature has felt that on campuses and at GA that there's been top-heavy administration. The group asked Rob Nelson to present more detailed updates at the next Faculty Assembly meeting in late March. Another benefit (pre-PACE) has been having bookstores meet and compare best practices (will help to keep costs of textbooks down). Rob also said that the interim reports will address questions of alignment. The group urged that there be faculty involvement in reviewing PACE decisions at the campus level. There are concerns that faculty have the impression that there are expectations to cut substantially that roll down to the department level. There are on some campuses changes in titles and so forth so that function and structure and titles don't align. It would be very desirable to have available on a website the details about what Chancellors are being asked and the interim reports that they are submitting. There were several comments about what funds are being used for administrative versus academic purposes.
5. Other Budget Issues: Legislative analysis of the revenue stream will be coming in a week or so. The Governor's budget will be announced the week of February 21.
6. Other materials and events upcoming. The textbook update will be sent to the BOG next week and will be put on the faculty website.

