State asks $6 million be trimmed from budget

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Gov. Bev Perdue’s signing of the recom- mended 2009-2010 budget, highlighting UNCP’s economic posi- tion for the year. Overall UNCP is looking at a decrease of approximately $6 million from its $61.5 million budget.

Perdue has asked for a permanent budget cut of 5.5 percent, $3.409 million. In addition to this, she also asked the school to hold back another 5 percent in the form of a reserve.

“This is not perma- nent. The state wants you to set back another 5 per- cent, about $3 million, because if the state’s economy doesn’t rebound you have to give this money back to the state,” Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charles Harrington said.

These cuts did not come to the school unex- pected. Prior to the end of the school year, UNCP was asked to make a plan for a 10 percent cut in the budget.

The situation “didn’t catch us by surprise. We were able to plan very carefully how we were going to absorb cuts,” Dr. Harrington said. “All decisions made are in accordance with the high quality teaching and learning at UNCP!”

The state’s meetings were held, beginning on Aug 20 in Moore Hall, to answer any questions posted about the cuts and assure UCPS wisely they would impact everyday learning at the University.

“I want to assure you we took this very serious- ly,” Chancellor Charles Jenkins said at the first town hall meeting. “I see the pain and anxiety that people have.”

The school also held forum where the faculty senate, staff council and students had the opportu- nity to participate. The senior administration looked at all options using them to formulate the 10 percent plan. All discus- sions evolved over an eight month period, according to Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Neil Hawk.

The plan asks that filled instructional faculty positions are not affected but Middle Manager (EPA-NT) and SPA posi- tions, student recruitment advertising and unallocated res- erves all be reduced. The UNCP Board of Trustees said it was too important an effort to divide a lot of people. It was truly an institutional effort and the product was a good one,” Hawk said.

Harrington said. “I believe we are sig- nificantly underfunded so this is an effort to indeed, prepare the school and we will hold this meeting again.”

The UNCP Board plans to hold back what they learned and apply it in the class- room. “We want to make sure they keep that,” Dr. Harrington said.

The list included:

• Temporary reduction of faculty positions
• Elimination of vacant associate dean positions
• An additional .5 percent budget cut
• An additional 10 percent cut in class sizes and faculty development travel through the year

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You also have the option of putting a valu- able item on file with the University Police Department. This makes it a form, make and model number for the item.

The Police and Public Safety Department has 13 officers who are trained professionals certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division. These officers offer 24- hour protection on the UNCP campus. The Department can be reached at 910-621- 2535 and is located directly behind the school book- store, across the street from Oak Hall in the Business Services building.