Students, faculty, staff and members of the community began the school year with a new tradition, a chancellor's address, Aug. 18, at 10:10 a.m. in the Gina Gwen Performing Arts Center.

Newly appointed Chancellor Kyle R. Carter delivered the inaugural address that will become a tradition at UNCP when Dr. Carter took to the podium, the crowd grew silent.

"Man that's power," he said.

Dr. Carter said the future University Addresses will be a time to come together and take stock of the past issues in order to go forward together.

In his address, Chancellor Carter broke his speech into the first 60 days of his chancellorship, what he is doing now and the next 300 days.

The first 60 days

Chancellor Carter said he has made it a priority to listen and get to know you, the constituents, so he can continue on the way to lead that way.

"I think you know what you don't know," Chancellor Carter said.

Chancellor Carter also said even if you have the best intentions, you can still screw up if you don't have the right information.

One way Chancellor Carter prepared for leading the University was by attending a boot camp for new chancellors. Chancellor Carter said leading an institution is a team activity. It was important to listen to what they all work together in harmony," he said.

Currently

Dr. Carter Carter addressed the current budget crisis, which resulted in the largest tuition increase in UNCP's history.

He said the increase in tuition had to happen in order to preserve the quality of education offered at UNCP.

"These are challenging times, but we will get through them," Chancellor Carter said.

In regards to enrollment, the number changes every day, Chancellor Carter said: "We’re doing fine."

Chancellor Carter also mentioned former Chancellor Allen C. Meadors for his plans, which brought about the enrollment growth.

The enrollment estimate for Fall 2010 he said, is approximately 6738, and UNCP is still the number one university in the UNC system.

Next 300 days

The next 300 days, Chancellor Carter is looking into a search for a new provost as well as other plans.

The Chancellor is also planning to continue the Quality Enhancement Program, work on budget challenges and the Center for Civic Engagement.

"Modern is no longer a virtue at UNCP," Chancellor Carter said.

Chancellor Carter is also looking to help the region. He plans to hold meetings to hear from citizens to find out how to serve them better.

"UNCP is critical to the region," Chancellor Carter said.

The 2009-2010 interim Chancellor Charles R. Jenkins was also honored during the address. Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees Dick Taylor presented Dr. Jenkins with a plaque recognizing his service as Interim Chancellor.

Provost search underway as committee is formed

By Carlos Peralta

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke has begun its search for a new provost this week.

After Provost Dr. Charles F. Harrington resigned by taking another position as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on March 29, Chancellor Charles R. Jenkins appointed Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. William H. Gash as Interim Provost.

Dr. Gash said that the main job of a provost is to deal with faculty and student issues and to be the Chief Academic Officer for the University and Vice Chancellor for the Office of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Gash said the search for a new provost is not going to be an easy process, and it will take some time.

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The search committee for the provost search consists of: Dr. Robert Brown, chair of history department; Dr. Karen Stanly, associate professor for education; Dr. Cammie Hunt Oxendine, interim dean of business; Dr. Stewart Thomas, interim assistant dean of business; Dr. John Bowman, professor of sociology and criminal justice; Dr. Anthony Curtis, professor of mass communication; Dr. Elizabeth Normandy, director of Center of Teaching and Learning; Dr. Dennis Simon, professor of English and theatre; Hannah Simpson, STA sensor representative; David Burns, building environmental service manager of housing; Jackie Clark, vice chancellor of enrollment management; Dr. Veronica Hardy, assistant professor of social work; Dr. Lee Phillips, associate professor of music and theatre; and Dr. Jennifer Jenkins, associate professor of education.

The search committee will be looking for a new academic leader who will add value to the University’s academic mission, and is capable of galvanizing the faculty to initiate change in order to support and promote higher levels of academic excellence.

"Chancellor Carter would like the search to be concluded this fall; that’s our target," Dr. Brown said.

"If everything goes well the new provost could start in January, or by the 18th of July at the latest."

The advertisement also stated that the key position requires an individual who recognizes and embraces the role of an engaged comprehensive regional institution as a catalyst for change and improvement in the region.

According to the UNCP’s Provost advertisement, the position requires an individual who is committed to student successes; works to continue the Quality Enhancement Program, work on budget challenges and the Center for Civic Engagement; and Dr. Mark Jenkins of the School of Education, retired unexpectedly Sept. 4 at Scotland Memorial Hospital, in Laurinburg.

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