What Keeps You Up at Night?

UNC Tomorrow Team Hears from Faculty

UNC system President Erskine Bowles visited UNCG Nov. 1 with one purpose. He was here to listen—and to look beyond UNC today toward UNC Tomorrow.

Bowles said this was the fifth faculty forum he and the UNC Tomorrow Planning Commission, charged with drafting a 20-year master plan for the university system, had held across the state.

“It has been a fabulous, fabulous experience for me,” Bowles told the audience that nearly filled EUC Auditorium. “People stand up and they tell us what keeps them up at night. They tell us how much they love this university system and how much they need it.”

Attendees from UNCG, Winston-Salem State University, the NC School of the Arts and NC A&T State University had plenty to tell him. Comments spanned the spectrum from accommodating students who are ill-prepared for college to preserving the arts and general education in an increasingly specialized curriculum.

Other ideas brought up by faculty and staff included:

• Preserve general education.
• Foster student/teacher relationships through smaller student/faculty ratios.
• Set regular meetings between university and community college representatives.
• Preserve the arts curriculum to foster visual literacy and cultural understanding.
• Preserve basic research though local grants at the state level.
• Increase funding for post-doctoral hires to compete more effectively with industry.
• Add incentives in promotion and tenure to encourage interdisciplinary research.
• Streamline methods for interdisciplinary and inter-institutional research.

Bowles, who summed up every point he heard, offered his office phone number to faculty and staff.

“We darn well better make sure we heard you correctly,” he said. “We listened as hard as we could, but you’ve got to make sure we got it because this is critical. If I didn’t hear you right, you’d better tell me.”

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Chancellor Recovering

Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan is resting and recovering from surgery for a perforated ulcer on Nov. 1 at Duke University Hospital. She is expected to be out of the office for approximately two weeks.

Well-wishers can send cards to:
- UNCG Chancellor’s Office, 303 Mossman Building, PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC, 27402-6170
- or Duke University Hospital, 2301 Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710.

See www.uncg.edu for updates. The chancellor’s executive staff will continue to conduct the daily activities of UNCG under the leadership of Provost Perrin.

Recycling Event

Landfill on the Lawn will be Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. at Stone Building. Biohazard and safety gear will be displayed and two residence halls will compete to see which has fewer recyclables in their garbage.

by the numbers

11 Basketball big man Kyle Hines, a senior, is rated the nation’s 11th best power forward by collegehoops.net. He has a 50-game streak of scoring in the double-digits, the longest active streak in the nation. He is also just 55 points shy of the Spartan men’s basketball career scoring mark of 1,646 points. The team starts the season this Friday at Georgia Tech.

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