

Some of the main points from the Faculty Assembly Meeting, 1/20/12

President Ross indicated that while there is some growth being reported, there were some holes built into next year's budget. He thinks we should look at the coming time as no new funds from the state but fewer cuts.

President Ross stressed the need to "save more and re-prioritize" as an important way of generating revenue.

He also indicated that he knows we need to raise tuition but doesn't want to approve an increase that is too large.

Vice President Ortega talked about the need for performance funding to bring budgets in alignment with the University's academic goals. She noted that need to develop empirical indicators that were easy to measure and could be compared with peer universities. All of these indicators seemed to be focus on efficiency and none on quality. She said this was because quality was harder to measure so they were leaving this to individual campuses. She promised that faculty would be involved in creating these empirical measures of quality.

Pope Center told us how the university needed to change:

- 1.) UNC has grown too fast and needs to get smaller.
- 2.) More students should complete courses at the community college.
- 3.) Need to evaluate programs and change them to make them more relevant. For example English professors spend too much time on literature and not enough on grammar.
- 4.) Faculty need to teach more and research less. "You may be working hard but how many classes are you teaching?"
- 5.) Need to differentiate our Flagship Universities from other universities. Flagship Universities would have higher tuition and fewer regulations.
- 6.) Need to be careful with online education – private complaints can do this better.

NC Policy Watch and the NC Justice Center talk gave a different point of view.

- 1.) Radical Republicans are creating many problems and there are many victims.
- 2.) We feel your pain.
- 3.) We know that your problems need fixed but you are not special.

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