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Peacock expands bookstore committee's power

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Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock informed members of the Bookstore Advisory Council Monday that the body would be dissolved and replaced with the new University Bookstore Committee.

The Bookstore Council dealt with formulating all bookstore policies related

to student involvement, and provided input regarding bookstore operations, according to the Faculty handbook.

The new committee,

whose primary responsibility will be investigating the textbook rental system, is now in place.

"[Peacock] sees this as the best way to address issues and concerns of the faculty," Bookstore Director Michael G. Coston said. Coston was an ex-officio member of the Bookstore Advisory Council.

Faculty Senate passed a motion in December to cre-

ate the University Bookstore Committee. The committee would "respond to administrative policies regarding Bookstore operations and recommend policies regarding textbooks and other educational materials."

Peacock approved the committee, but said it would not respond to administrative policies regarding bookstore operations. Bookstore operations are fiscal in nature and

should remain under the Office of Business Affairs.

In Monday's letter, Peacock said he revised the responsibility of the University Bookstore Committee to include "to respond to administrative policies" as well.

The committee will not make decisions about daily operations, he said.

Faculty appointees were announced at Monday's Fac-

ulty Senate meeting.

They include: physics professor Dr. Patricia E. Allen, finance, banking and insurance professor Dr. John P. Geary, economics professor Dr. Tim J. Perri, librarian Glenn Ellen Star Stilling and philosophy and religion professor Dr. T. Patrick Rardin.

"I'm sure most people are hoping for ... a compromise

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Federal budget proposal cuts, reduces key programs

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Students across the nation could face reduced grants, fewer work-study jobs and eliminated programs under a new federal budget that has Appalachian administrators up in arms.

The cuts, announced Feb. 7, include reducing Pell Grants, cutting funding for work-study programs by 10 percent and eliminating Upward Bound and other programs, according to information from the Office of Student Development.

Vice Chancellor for Student Development Cindy A. Wal-

lace said she believed the cuts were damaging and that the university would speak to representatives at the national level.

"We intend to fight this one out, it matters too much to Appalachian students and to the entire university," Wallace said.

"My first reaction is that these cuts were fairly draconian," Chief of Staff Dr. Lorin A. Baumhover said. "They affect a lot of people, and they are definitely a point of concern."

Baumhover added that the budget was far from final and significant changes would probably still be made.

Baumhover said Appalachian would represent its interests and that Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock had spoken to elected officials from North Carolina about the cuts in his recent visit to Washington, D.C.

Wallace said approximately 1,800 students at Appalachian would see their Pell Grants reduced by the cuts and 200 students would lose their grants entirely.

"This really aggravates me, I just don't understand why they would cut Pell Grants, which go to the most needy families and students," Wallace said.

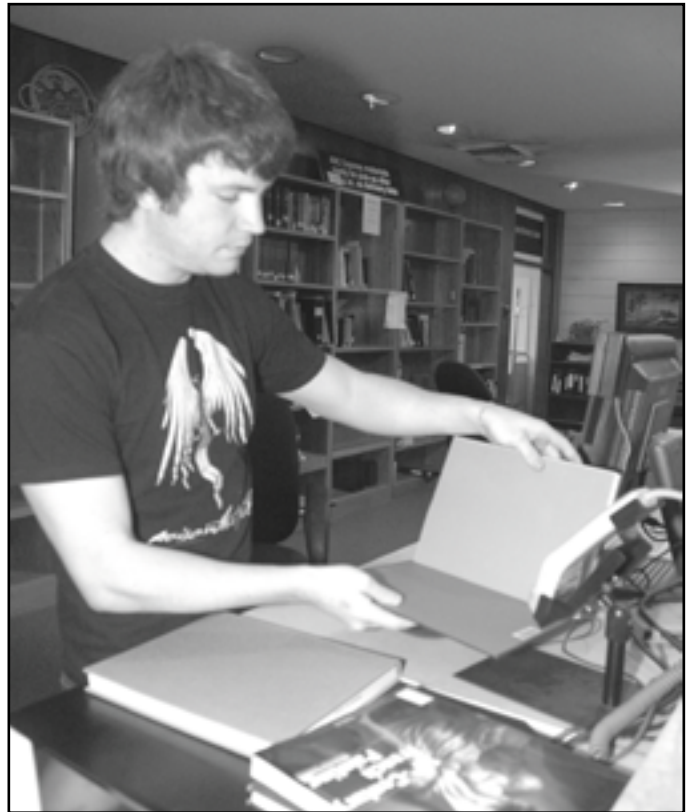
Wallace said the cuts in work-study programs could result in less work-study opportunities for students.

"Work-study affects thousands of students," Wallace said. "I don't understand that cut either, students working to pay for college seems like something President Bush's agenda would support."

The proposed cuts also would completely eliminate Upward Bound, a program aimed at preparing first generation college students from low-income backgrounds for a university education while they're in high school.

"My reaction was one of shock and awe when I heard that," Assistant Director of Upward Bound Matt W. Ruble said. "Upward Bound is one of the oldest programs of its type on campus; we've been here since 1972."

Ruble said 92 percent of Upward Bound graduates have finished college and Upward Bound worked with the department of education to provide opportunities for student teachers.



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M. Landon Ramsey, a student assistant at the library, checks out books at the front desk. Ramsey has assisted the library for a year under a work study program obtained through his Pell Grant.

Too close for comfort



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Chris McFarland shoots over an outstretched Chad Kosmo in the second half of Wednesday's game against the Longwood Lancers. ASU won 79-65 over the 1-27 Lancers. Coach Houston Fancher said after the game that McFarland needs to regain his confidence. In addition, the non-conference close call could help the Mountaineers down the road in the Southern Conference tournament. The Mountaineers head to UNC Greensboro Saturday in a position to clinch a first-round bye for the SoCon.

Fees, out-of-state tuition may increase

Board of Governors to vote on possible raises in March

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Although the University of North Carolina Board of Governors unanimously voted to freeze campus-proposed in-state tuition raises Feb. 11, out-of-state tuition and student fees might still go up.

BOG member Cary C. Owen said the board will vote on possible increases in March. She said the board voted to freeze in-state tuition raises because the BOG felt it was time to do so.

"We feel that we've had several increases in school-initiated requests for tuition increases and the constitution of North Carolina says that we'll provide as free as possible education for students," Owen said.

BOG Chair Bradley Wilson said the decision was not easy. "A lot of people struggled with this decision," Wilson said. "We all understand the needs of the university, but we have to strike a balance between the costs and we decided this year was not a year to raise tuition."

Wilson said he was happy with the outcome. "I stated my position publicly in December that I didn't think tuition should be increased, so I was pleased with the result," Wilson said, referring to a memo he sent to the board members, urging them to vote against raising tuition costs.

"I think students across the university system are breathing a big collective sigh of relief," Association of Student Governments (ASG) President Amanda M. Devore said.

ASG is a student body representing all 16 schools in the UNC system. Devore, a graduate student at North Carolina State University, is a non-voting member of the BOG.

The North Carolina General Assembly could still increase tuition in its state budget it prepares this summer. Devore said feelings from the legislature are mixed, but an overwhelming majority of its members are pleased with the BOG's decision.

ASG Vice President Victor P. Landry, a graduate student at Fayetteville State University, said state deficits are a challenge for education funding.

"I think [state legislators] are going to have to get creative to maintain a commitment to higher education," Landry said.

SGA President Miriam N. Makhoun said tuition increases were still an important issue.

"Though North Carolina is graduating high schoolers at one of the fastest paces in the nation, we must be mindful of the burden that out-of-state students carry," Makhoun said.

Full-time out-of-state students pay approximately \$6,396 per semester for tuition, according to the Office of Admissions Web site.

The BOG Budget and Finance Committee listened to proposals from 14 chancellors of the 16 UNC schools. However, the committee's recommendation to the BOG was to not raise tuition.

The BOG also voted in November 2004 not to initiate board-based tuition increases.

The university has not laid off employees due to less money coming but instead does not fill open groundskeepers and housekeepers positions, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Jane P. Helm said.

"We might leave positions open when they become vacant, but we've made a real effort here, even in hardest of times since I've been here, not to lay off anyone because we're the largest employer in the region," Helm said. "It's hard for people if they're laid off. We just try to plan ahead enough so we can leave positions vacant so individuals aren't hurt."

With less positions filled, the campus environment and residence halls might not look as nice as they once did, Helm said.

The Appalachian State University Board of Trustees voted in December 2004 to raise tuition prices by \$300, but the proposal was not approved by the BOG.

Since the 2001-02 academic year, tuition at Appalachian has increased \$599.

SGA elections set to heat up campus

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said.

Instead, elections by-laws now forbid campaigning with "malicious intent," such as libel or slander, McDonald said. Other changes include limiting the number of e-mails and phone calls candidates can make.

The Elections Review Board also separated the former Elections Committee into an Elections Board and a Judicial Board. The Elections Board will oversee the general elections process while the Judicial Board will institute sanctions on candidates in violation of elections by-laws.

Last year, presidential candidate Matthew D. Whisenant and vice presidential candidate Justin W. Moore were sanctioned by the Elections Committee after allegedly failing to submit campaign materials and related receipts to the committee.

Whisenant and Moore were prohibited from campaigning for 24 hours.

"Hopefully we won't see a ton of mud-slinging, but ... candidates in the past felt limited to what they could say, even if it was true," SGA Rules Chair Chris R. Pereira

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