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“I guess I’ll just stay in retail,” Panjwani said. “All those years of honors and APs will just lead me to selling toys.”

Both Gage and Ross thanked the coalition members for their attendance and respectful attitude.

“We are fairly isolated from students,” Gage said. “We don’t hear the real concerns, because if students are working two or three jobs, they can’t make it to our meetings — they’re working.

“We know cuts are hurting academic experiences,” she said.

Gage suggested the coalition work with the UNC Association of Student Governments or another venue besides the board.

Ross also said former UNC-Charlotte Chancellor Jim Woodward’s systemwide review to eliminate duplication is a new initiative; however, Woodward will not be starting from scratch.

“Our campuses scrutinize low productivity,” Ross said.

The board approved discontin-

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HANNAH GAGE, BOG CHAIRWOMAN

uing 60 programs based on their low productivity and low enrollment, said James Deal, chair of the board’s educational planning, policies and programs committee. Only three new programs were approved, he said.

Board members are unsure of how much money the system will save as a result of the cuts.

“It’s hard to put a price tag on the programs, because they have relatively low enrollment,” Gage said.

Ross said this process will become even more aggressive.

“Over 200 programs have been identified with low enrollment.”

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SUNDAY GAMES



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Senior political science major Ben Keilman instructs players setting up for a Humans vs. Zombies skirmish on Sunday. A dozen students practiced their skills through various games like capture the flag and team deathmatch while alternating as humans and zombies.

ELECTION

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ambiguity of the Code’s passages regarding student government involvement in elections. The board’s December interpretation of the Student Code was “the most reasonable way to resolve the textual conflict,” he argues.

Santoro said she is not worried about the outcome of Tuesday’s hearing.

“I’m just looking forward to going in there and seeing what

happens,” she said.

The public hearing will be held in the Graham Kenan Courtroom at the School of Law. Womack said it will likely last between 45 minutes and one hour.

The case holding up the release of the results of the UCommons referendum to renovate the Student Union has also been delayed. Briefs are due from both parties on Tuesday.

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DUPLICATION

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19 history programs.

But classes in these disciplines are necessary for a liberal arts education, so they aren’t considered unnecessary, said Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost at UNC-CH.

Determining if a program is an unnecessary duplication will depend on student demand, its proximity to schools with a similar program, and a campus’ ability and willingness to provide the program.

But unnecessary duplication has not been defined, and administrators are still waiting on word from Ross, said Stephen McFarland, vice provost for academic affairs at UNC-Wilmington.

“The parameters have not yet been identified,” McFarland said.

There are no standardized criteria for the process, Mabe said.

“There’s a little bit of relativity here,” he said.

Potential impact on UNC-CH

The 2008 report of low-productivity programs identified six of UNC-CH’s baccalaureate programs as having low enrollment, including comparative literature, Slavic languages, interdisciplinary studies, biostatistics and environmental health sciences.

The report recommended the University work to increase enrollment in its comparative literature, Slavic languages and biostatistics programs. It acknowledged low enrollments would likely continue for the other two.

The Slavic languages degree was eliminated by the Board of Governors Friday, and the department could be merged with German studies.

Carney said a program’s security depends on the number of graduates it produces and how its graduates fare on professional exams.

Passing rates and academic rankings are consistently high for UNC-CH’s programs, he said.

“I can’t see any programs here that are on a large scale at risk,” he said.

The University offers the only baccalaureate programs in comparative literature and biostatistics.

N.C. State, UNC-CH’s neighbor, also offers degree programs in interdisciplinary studies and environmental science. Four other universities in the system offer interdisciplinary studies majors, and six others offer environmental science.

Carney said a sharing of resources among programs in the Triangle — like the library partnership among N.C. Central University, NCSU and UNC-Chapel Hill — might be created, but he said he does not think programs at the University will be cut because it is the best-performing school in the system.

“I can’t imagine that would happen here,” he said. “I can’t imagine programs at State being cut either.”

Evaluating student demand

N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University’s baccalaureate degree in French was among the

degrees nixed by the board Friday.

The university suggested discontinuing the program, said Wanda Lester, interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at N.C. A&T.

French classes will still be offered, but students will no longer have the option of majoring in French, she said.

“I think it’s going to save money in terms of administrative roles that may be associated with it,” Lester said.

She said she would be willing to reduce more programs in a similar fashion in order to more effectively use the university’s resources.

Cutting programs that don’t produce many majors is one approach to eliminating unnecessary duplication, said Jon Young, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Fayetteville State University.

“If it doesn’t have many graduates, then maybe that’s a sign that it’s not necessary,” he said.

Considering necessary costs

English and history degree programs are both classified by the system as category one programs, which are the least expensive ones to operate. Programs are rated from category one to category four, and art and science programs have higher operating costs.

UNC-CH’s baccalaureate program in radiologic science — the only one in the system — is expensive, and most of the program could be offered online, which would save money, Mabe said.

“We’re looking at some innovative ideas as we have to deal with budgets and that sort of thing,” he said.

For high-cost programs, administrators must assess if it’s necessary to have more than one program producing graduates in that discipline, McFarland said.

“The question to ask is, ‘what are the needs of the state?’”

Meeting regional need

Western Carolina University’s students serve a distinct region of the state, and it wouldn’t make sense to consolidate them Stanford said.

“With the budget being the way it is now, I think we have to go to the next level,” Stanford said. “That may include collaborating.”

Young said FSU’s nursing program is necessary because the surrounding region is in need of minority nurses, and the university is a historically black college.

The program also reaches out to more remote populations through online education, he said. An online baccalaureate degree in nursing through FSU is in the planning stages.

“We want to make sure we’re offering courses that are specifically targeted to where they’re needed,” said Marshall Pitts, a member of the Board of Governors.

“You’re talking more of a consolidation,” he said. “In less frequent instances you’ll have some cuts of programs.”

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