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UNC braces for ‘damage’

But extra sources of funds will help soften the \$100 million in cuts.

By Lyle Kendrick and Daniel Wiser
Senior Writers

Though a cut in state funding of nearly 18 percent or more than \$100 million faces the University, the blow will be softened by additional sources of revenue, administrators said.

The cut will be offset by \$20 million in transferred funds from the UNC Health Care System and \$8.5 million in

enrollment funds from the state.

Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost, said he is now expecting to allocate \$81 million in cuts across the University.

While the funds from the UNC Health Care System and enrollment growth will be helpful, Carney said the cuts will still be widespread.

“There’s going to be damage everywhere,” he said.

Carney said plans for the implementation of cuts have not been finalized and instructions for deans will be sent out late next week.

“The cuts are so big and the impacts are so dramatic that I want to take my

time,” he said.

He said the funding reductions could have the long-term impact of increasing the student-faculty ratio.

“We have a lot of potential problems,” he said.

About the same number of credit hours will be available to students after the cuts, though students can expect larger class sizes, he said.

While the austerity measures will affect all levels of UNC, Carney said the University will allocate a cut of less than 15 percent for the College of Arts and Sciences because the College could

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BY THE NUMBERS

17.9 percent

State funding cut for UNC

\$20 million

Funds from UNC Health Care

\$8.5 million

Enrollment growth funds

\$81 million

Cuts to be allocated across UNC

Finance search is down to four

Interviews of the candidates are expected to be completed by the end of the month.

By Lyle Kendrick and Colleen Volz
Senior Writers

The University has identified four candidates for the position of vice chancellor of finance and administration, said executive vice chancellor and provost Bruce Carney.

Carney, who does not sit on the search committee but will make the final choice, said the committee has completed the first interview and will finish the others by the end of the month.

Bill McCoy, chairman of the search committee and former vice president for finance for the UNC system, said the process is going smoothly and an offer will likely be made within a few weeks.

“It shouldn’t take very long,” Carney said.

McCoy and Carney declined to name any of the candidates.

Carney said, in addition to offering the position to a candidate, the University will have to spend time on the negotiating table.

“I’m hoping they’re here by the fall,” he said.

Despite setting a date for retirement in June, Dick Mann, who has been vice chancellor for finance and administration since 2006, will stay in the position until the search committee finds his replacement.

Mann, who announced his retirement in January, said he would be willing to wait until November to leave.

“He was a Marine,” Carney said. “He knows duty.”

Mann’s planned retirement has been a factor in trying to find his replacement in a timely manner, McCoy said.

The vice chancellor for finance and administration sits on the University’s budget committee, which handles budget cuts and additions.

Mann said administrators who handle the budget have had to make tough decisions in light of the recent budget cuts, which amount to more than \$100 million for the 2011-12 academic year.

He added that many of the previous cuts at the University have been made in management and support in an effort to protect UNC’s academic mission.

“We tried to do it with the least damage on our academic programs we can stand,” Mann said.

The search committee began reviewing applications May 15.

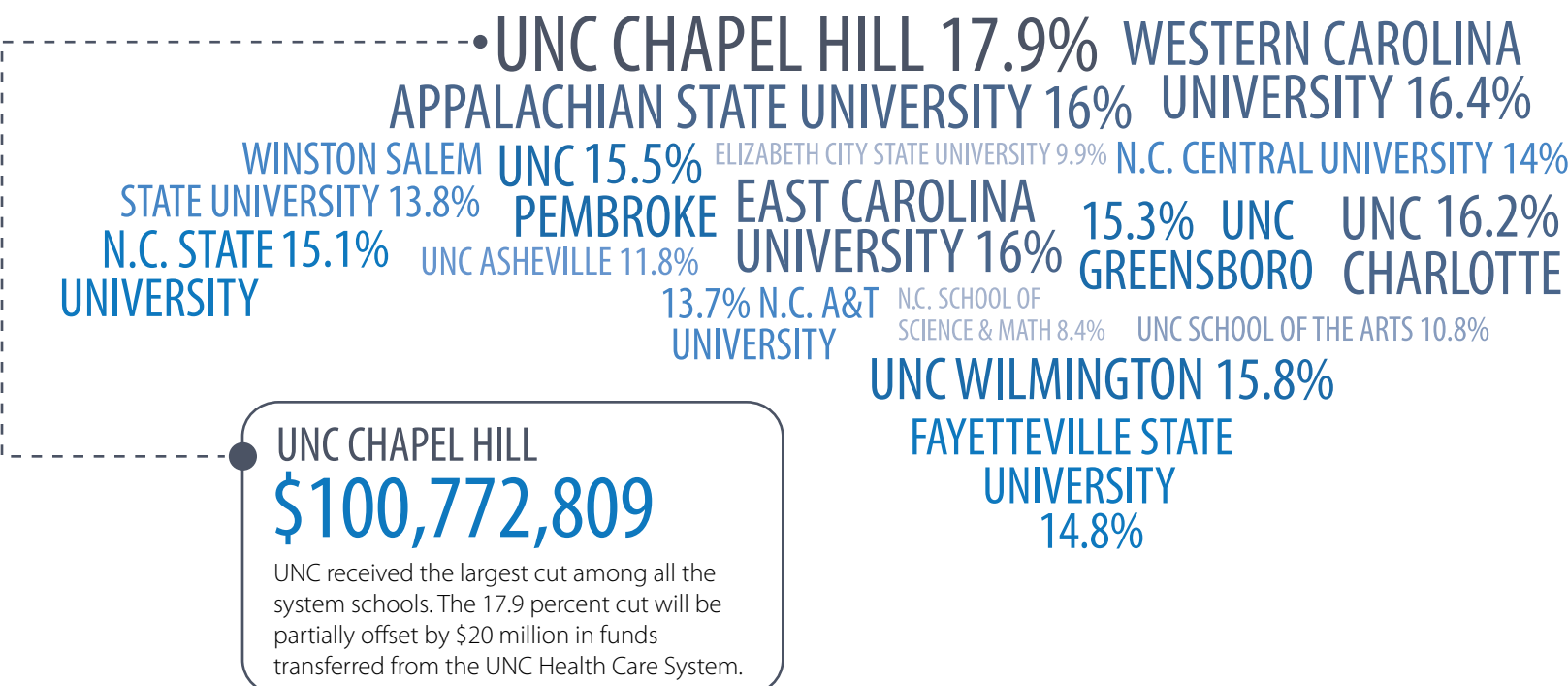
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Dick Mann, UNC’s vice chancellor for finance and administration, will stay until his replacement is found.

UNC SYSTEM WILL ABSORB MILLIONS IN FUNDING CUTS

The state budget that became law last month included a management flexibility reduction of \$414 million for the UNC system, which was allocated by the Board of Governors among the 17 institutions based on their size and resources.



SOURCE: JONI WORTHINGTON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE UNC SYSTEM

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Q&A WITH UNC-SYSTEM PRESIDENT

Ross tackles steep cuts in first year

By Daniel Wiser
State & National Editor

UNC-system President Thomas Ross has been forced to grapple with a systemwide cut of 15.6 percent or \$414 million in state funding during his first year in office, including a cut of almost 18 percent, or more than \$100 million, at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The Daily Tar Heel talked with Ross about state funding cuts, tuition levels and his new responsibilities as president.

DTH: How difficult has it been to deal with a substantial cut in your first year in office?

Thomas Ross: It’s certainly in modern times the most significant financial challenge the University



Thomas Ross, UNC-system president, has been dealing with a systemwide cut of 15.6 percent or \$414 million in state funding during his first year in office. UNC-Chapel Hill’s budget has been cut almost 18 percent or more than \$100 million.

has faced. To enter into a job and have the daunting task that we’ve had in trying to manage through extreme financial situations — it’s difficult.

This is now the fifth year in a row, so the system is feeling the toll of the budget cuts.

I knew it was going to be this way when I came, and I think in some ways that’s part of the reason I came, because I’m committed to being certain

that the University of North Carolina survives and survives with the level of excellence like we’ve had in the past.

DTH: What strategy did you employ in meetings with legislators to lower state funding cuts?

TR: We tried to focus on the fact that we had already suffered \$620 million in cuts and reversions in the last four years... and that the cuts of the level they were talking about, certainly at the beginning of the process, would have been permanently devastating to the University.

I tried to emphasize the impact on students — this was the year that the additional cuts were going to cut the classroom. I don’t think there’s any ques-

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Legal challenges ahead for state’s redistricting process

The state has a litigious history when it comes to new district maps.

By Daniel Wiser
State & National Editor

For more than 100 years, Democratic legislators at the N.C. General Assembly have drawn congressional and state legislative districts for voter representation.

Now that a Republican majority is in charge of the redistricting process, leaders say their proposed districts will avoid the legal challenges that have marred several of the state’s electoral maps

in previous decades.

But Democrats and civil rights leaders say the same proposals pack minorities into fewer areas to dilute their voting strength.

The federal Voting Rights Act requires certain districts to have a majority of minority voters. Eight of these 11 N.C. Senate districts and 17 of the 27 N.C. House districts would see an increase in black voter registration under the proposal.

The new districts will account for growth in the state’s population, which has increased by 18.5 percent or almost 1.5 million since 2000. N.C. now has the 10th largest population in the nation.

The proposed electoral maps

will be subject to amendments in redistricting committees. Final votes will be held at the end of July for the districts, which cannot be vetoed by Gov. Bev Perdue.

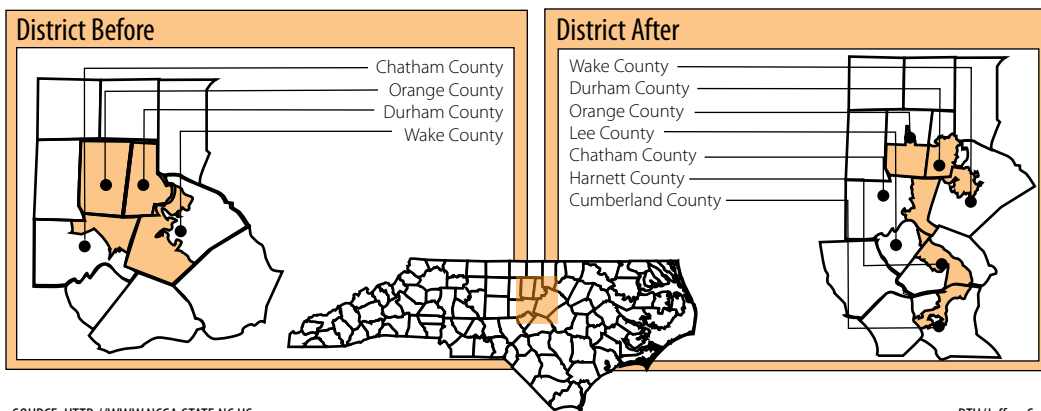
Though Republicans can essentially pass their proposed districts without substantial changes, federal guidelines and legal hurdles must be met before the maps are implemented. Brent Laurenz, director of outreach for the N.C. Center for Voter Education, said the state has become famous for litigation involving new district maps.

“We’re kind of the ground zero for federal lawsuits and things

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U.S. REP. DAVID PRICE’S FOURTH DISTRICT

Significant changes have been proposed for the state’s fourth congressional district, now held by U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C. Price’s new district would only include the southern half of Orange and Durham counties as well as a section of Fayetteville farther south in Cumberland county.



SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.NCGA.STATE.NC.US](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us)

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BOARD MADE NEW

Junior Shruthi Sundaram has been named chairwoman of the Board of Elections for the next academic year. **Page 4.**



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The play series 10 By 10 in the Triangle started last weekend, featuring 10 plays performed in 10 minutes. This is its 10th year. **Page 3.**

PLAGIARISM

Apparent plagiarism in a paper included in a lawsuit by former football player Michael McAdoo highlights concerns as to how the University punishes it through the Honor System. **Page 3.**

This day in history

JULY 14, 1789

French revolutionaries stormed the Bastille prison in Paris, an event that became one of the most iconic of the French Revolution.

DUST TO DUST



Born: July 14, 1913
Gerald Ford
38th president



Died: July 14, 1881
Billy the Kid
American outlaw
Cause of Death: Shot