## Community college system looks to modify curriculum

By Alex Pyun Staff Writer

A statewide curriculum overhaul in the N.C. Community College System seeks to prepare students for a changing economy.

In a move that will follow an increasing demand for students trained in energy efficiency, the Code Green Super Curriculum Improvement Project is expected to reduce the number of degree pathways, while introducing courses to train students in green technologies.

The project was presented to the State Board of Community Colleges at the board's meeting last Thursday.

Frank Scuiletti, academic pro-

gram coordinator for the state community college system, said the board is likely to vote on the initiative at its August meeting. If it passes, the changes would take effect in the 2013-14 academic year.

As many as 77 curricula will be reduced into 32 core standards, said Butch Grove, the project's director.

As a result, program majors such as architecture and carpentry will share the same foundation courses.

Scott Ralls, president of the N.C. Community College System, said the changes will allow students to easily transfer between curricula or obtain multiple certifications.

"So you have an architecture degree but also want carpentry

skills," said Ralls. "You don't have to start back over in the carpentry program. You already have the baseline, you are just adding the specific occupational skills.'

The project will also create 47 new courses and revise 219 courses. Many of the course changes integrate energy efficiency skills.

Andrew McMahan, director of the energy curriculum improvement program for the N.C. Association of Community Colleges, said the changes are meant to give students more options in emerging technologies as well as employment for renewable technologies.

"We can get people while they are in college to say, 'Yeah, hybrids are a little bit different, but different isn't bad," he said. "Now all of a sudden we have this entire generation of auto mechanics who embrace things like bio-diesel and hybrids."

Dean Folkers, deputy executive director for the Career Technical Education Consortium, said North Carolina is joining a national trend of community colleges increasing their focus on green technologies and technical education.

"There are a number of different initiatives that continue to permeate through the community college systems," he said. "There are more energy efficient resources for students to be aware of."

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Leimenstoll said that because it has already been approved, students will still have to pay the fee increase for the 2012-13 year. But students will also receive a \$1.50 credit each semester, negating the extra charge.

Leimenstoll said SAFO will propose a \$3 student fee decrease for the 2013-14 academic year to correct the error.

"I think we found a way to make the best of the situation and use the funds in a responsible manner," he said.

Because the student activities fees are designated to help student organizations, student government leaders decided to proportionally divide the \$76,086 between the organizations that normally receive funding from the activities fees.

"Since the money was taken for that purpose anyway, stu-

changes. He said he wants to be

able to ensure donors that the

University is on the right track. Board chairman Wade

Hargrove and member Don Curtis said they are supportive of UNC

officials and their efforts to get to

the bottom of the academic mis-

conduct brought to light during

the 2010 NCAA investigation of

"Based on everything we've

seen, we believe the administra-

tion has been very responsible

in the way it has conducted the

Former UNC-system president

and long-time proponent of reform

investigation," Hargrove said.

in collegiate athletics William

Friday said in the wake of recent

controversy at UNC and scandal

at Penn State University, it's time

for institutions to find a balance

between academics and athletics.

clear that the time is at hand for

institutions to take a good hard look at all institutional practices

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Last week, Thorp sent a letter

form of practice not in the tradi-

"I commend Chancellor Thorp for setting in motion all the inter-

"The Penn State disaster makes

the football program.

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dents will still benefit from it," said Paige Comparato, speaker of Student Congress.

More than half the revenue was allocated to the Student Activities Fund Office Endowment.

Almost one-third of the additional revenue was allocated to the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, and will be used to establish an emergency fund for graduate students.

"We've had two situations in the past semester where graduate students had emergencies and applied to Dean of Students (emergency fund), and got some money but it wasn't enough to resolve their emergency," said Michael Bertucci, president of the GPSF.

Less than 4 percent will be allocated annually for the next four years toward the Student Congress fund for student organizations.

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## Musicians pay tribute to North Carolina native Doc Watson

By Katie Marriner Staff Writer

Those who either knew Doc Watson personally or simply appreciated his music came together last week at Nightlight on West Rosemary Street.

Nightlight hosted a tribute show for the legendary folk musician featuring musicians from local bands and a slide show of images from the Southern Folklife Collection at Wilson Library.

"(The event) was exception-

ally educational," said Alexis Mastromichalis, owner of Nightlight. "It was really wonderful seeing testimonies from people who knew Doc personally."

Watson died last month in Winston Salem, N.C., He won seven Grammy awards, and UNC awarded him an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1997.

"It just always seemed like he would be around," said Steve Kruger, who organized the event.

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#### "I'm not sure of anything he could have done otherwise."

Don Curtis.

**UNC Board of Trustees member** 

to faculty members assuring them that administrators are taking preventative measures to restore faith in UNC's mission.

Andrew Perrin, a member of the Faculty Athletic Committee, said the University's findings should have been released sooner.

Perrin said Thorp has led UNC through a difficult time, and academic fraud in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies involving former department chair Julius Nyang'oro is the result of a culture that values athletic success more than academic integrity.

"I think it's extremely likely that either formal, or more likely, informal pressure from athletics was why professor Nyang'oro felt the need to offer fraudulent classes."

Friday said UNC officials are leading the institution in the right direction to ensure that academic fraud is never again an issue.

He said the key to getting to the bottom of the allegations is separating fact from rumor.

"It is time for all who care about this dear place to unite in our determination to see that these kinds of things never happen again."

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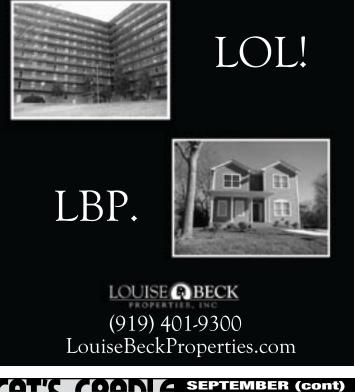
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