

Minutes of the November 10, 2005 Meeting
of the Board of Governors'
Subcommittee Studying the Cost of Textbooks

The Subcommittee Studying the Cost of Textbooks met in Board Room 1 of the General Administration Building in Chapel Hill on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at 3:30 p.m.

Subcommittee members in attendance were Mr. Ray S. Farris and Mr. Peter D. Hans. Mr. Benjamin S. Ruffin was necessarily absent. Faculty Assembly Chair Brenda Killingsworth and President of the Student Government Association Zack Wynne were in attendance as well as other Board of Governors' members, staff from the Office of the President, and members of the press.

Chair Hans convened the meeting and offered opening remarks. The minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2005 were approved.

Chair Hans then asked Dr. Killingsworth to offer her thoughts on ways to achieve cost savings for students on textbooks. Dr. Killingsworth noted that the Faculty Assembly was meeting on November 18 and, following that meeting, she would present recommendations on behalf of the Assembly to the subcommittee.

Chair Hans then asked Mr. Wynne for remarks on behalf of the Student Government Association and Mr. Wynne offered his appreciation for the work of the subcommittee to date, specifically endorsing the remarks made by bookstore managers at the October meeting.

Next, Chair Hans called upon Mr. John Jones, Director of Campus Merchandising at UNC Chapel Hill, who had made remarks to the Subcommittee in October and had been asked to provide further advice. Mr. Jones elaborated on two issues that had been discussed at previous meetings: (1) faculty should place their orders on a timely basis to ensure that all available discounts were captured, and (2) UNC should investigate savings that could be derived for students from purchasing more used books when different institutions used common textbooks. In the end, the Subcommittee asked Mr. Jones to provide the members his recommendations in writing in preparation for the next meeting.

The Subcommittee was then updated on the request that the Association of Governing Boards be contacted to see if other institutions had expressed concerns regarding the rising costs of textbooks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Peter D. Hans
Chairman, Subcommittee Studying the Cost of Textbooks