

## **Retired professor again raising pay issues at Clemson**

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CLEMSON — John Bednar, a retired Clemson University professor who has criticized administrative pay at the school, plans to revisit the issue Tuesday.

A year ago Bednar used the faculty senate's "free speech" period of its meeting to call for the resignations of Clemson President James Barker and Provost Doris Helms. He said then the administration had grown and salaries paid to administrators were exorbitant.

A faculty senate resolution later criticized the administration for pay inequities.

Since then, Barker has created a committee to look at pay issues, one that includes faculty and staff representatives. He also said last year that salaries of administrators were in line with those of similar institutions.

Bednar, in his prepared remarks for Tuesday's faculty senate meeting at Clemson, said he plans to ask for a look at the role the Clemson University Foundation plays in salary payments. He also said there have been \$10,000 payments from the foundation made to the Administrative Council, which includes top administrators.

Bednar also said there are full-time employees whose salaries are not reported. He asks for full reporting of using what he called "temporary full-time employees" and contract workers and their pay.

Cathy Sams, a spokeswoman for Clemson, said only two employees receive compensation directly from the foundation: Barker and John Alexander, who is a professor of accountancy and the foundation's chief investment officer.

Also, the foundation allocates money to administrators such as the president, vice presidents and deans to be used for official university business, she said. The expenses are subject to normal documentation and review and also checked by state audits, she said.

"These private funds can be used to supplement operating budgets or to allow for activities that may not be funded with state dollars," she said.

Each dean received \$7,500 this year, and \$80,000 was set aside for the president's home on campus, which hosted more than 6,000 people at almost 50 events last year, she said. Some of the events included hosting a picnic for new freshmen, a reception for new faculty and hosting the President's Advisory Board and the Board of Visitors.

"These funds may not be used for personal expenses," Sams said.



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