

Ex-professor calls for Barker to

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CLEMSON — There is one gentleman in particular who wants Clemson President James Barker and Provost Dori Helms to leave the university for good.

Ex-professor, John Bednar, addressed the Faculty Senate at its monthly meeting Tuesday, stating that overspending, high salaries and poor management in the Clemson administration are breaking down the university and negatively impacting the "Clemson family" with each passing day.

"There have been too many lies and false

promises. There have been too many abuses of power and money," Bednar said.

"The Faculty of Clemson University must now stand up and take the lead in saving the academic quality and integrity of this institution ... I further suggest that it would be appropriate, under the circumstances, for these top two administrators to resign, effective immediately, and for Clemson University to put its house in order."

Barker took the podium after Bednar and spoke about the misconceptions and falsities that Bednar presented. He then addressed plans in the works to handle next year's continued budget crisis and responded to a media inquiry about his future by stating he has no plans to step down or

retire.

He told the Faculty Senate and the audience gallery that any concerns about further furlough days and job losses shouldn't be a concern at this time.

"We need to focus our energy on next year's budget," he said. "We are not facing a quality crisis, we are not facing an enrollment crisis, we are not facing a faculty productivity crisis and we are not facing a reputation crisis. We are facing a budget crisis, that's it."

His plan for cuts in the next fiscal year will be approached from the outside in, he said, cutting anywhere from 10-15 percent from administration and support, six percent from student support



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will work intensely to address each and every concern and comment.

But until the end of the semester Barker said no plans to handle the budget crisis will be solidified.

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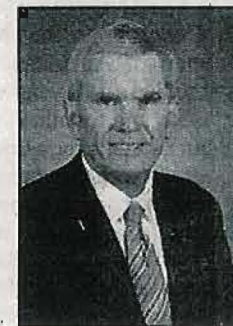
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and around five percent from the academic core and various institutions.

"Protecting the academic core is our number one priority, meaning the classroom, laboratories and in the field," he said.

A faculty survey sent to all university workers has 357 pages addressing faculty concerns and problems. Barker said he



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