

ASUN faces problem with educator award



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In a meeting Wednesday night that started 15 minutes late, lasted 28 minutes and had nearly a quarter of its members absent, ASUN passed no new legislation.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senate did make accomplishments in other areas.

The senate discussed a potential problem with last year's Outstanding Educator award, which was sponsored by ASUN.

ASUN gives the award to the professor who gathers the most votes from students choosing their "best" educator on a separate ballot during ASUN elections.

In addition to awarding Paul Kelter, associate chemistry professor, with the Outstanding Educator of the Year

award, ASUN also sent certificates to all educators who received votes last year.

The problem before the senate involves a professor who is trying to use the one vote he received to protect his job.

"A professor in the chemistry department who's on rocky ground is using this against the university, saying 'I got an outstanding educator award,'" said Academic Committee Chairman Bronson Riley.

Riley said the professor in question only received one vote. Kelter received 45 votes.

"We're looking at changing the process so that things like this won't happen next time," Riley said.

In other action, a list of goals which was generated from last year's meetings and platform goals was distributed to senate members.

ASUN President Eric Marintzer said he hoped senators would look at the list and make an effort to accomplish the tasks on it.



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