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Regents order University study

The Faculty Senate, in March resolution, petitioned the Board of Regents for an Academic Constitutional Convention. Saturday the idea had its result—the Regents announced formation of a "Study Committee on University Governance" for NU's three campuses.

The difference between the convention requested in the Senate's resolution and the Regent's committee is basically one of semantics, according to Wallace C. Peterson, chairman of the Economics Department and an original sponsor of the Senate resolution.

The Regents essentially accepted the recommendations of an inter-campus committee of students, faculty and an administrator, he added. This committee had presented their recommendations to the Board in April.

The one change was the Regents refusal to participate in the study directly, Peterson said. Calling this "somewhat of a disappointment," he reported that the Regents felt they could not participate because of their interpretation of their legal position.

Each Regent will have a representative on the committee. Three students, three faculty and three administrators will also be chosen from each of the University's three campuses. The members will be announced at the Regents June meeting, according to Chancellor D. B. Varner.

This summer the committee will study the rights and

responsibilities of students, faculties, administrators and the Regents on the Lincoln, Omaha and Medical College campuses.

It can recommend changes in the Regents by-laws which will be subject to the sanction and approval of the Board, Peterson said.

He continued, "Hopefully, they will also go to other parts of the University for ratification."

The committee will also investigate the campuses' internal organization, such specific problem areas as disruptive activity and inter-campus relations, and appropriate channels of authority. The latter area includes student disciplinary activity and the hiring, promotion, tenure, a non-reappointment and dismissal of faculty, the inter-campus committee's proposal to the Regents' states.

The Faculty Senate's resolution calling for the convention was an outgrowth of the controversy following the Regents' decision not to rehire Stephen L. Rozman, assistant professor of political science.

Procedures for handling cases of faculty dismissal or non-reappointment from the Faculty Senate's Academic Privilege and Tenure Committee were held Saturday for future action. The procedures which were to serve as an interim guide have not been considered by the Omaha or Medical College faculties.



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Those rumors were true

Dorm rates hiked \$60

Months of rumors finally came true over the weekend when the Board of Regents, with little advance notification, raised room and board rates for dormitory students \$60 a year to \$940.

Ely Meyerson, Housing Office director, said Sunday he

feels the 7 per cent increase, that goes in effect in September "is reasonable considering we haven't had an increase for two years." The rates went up \$80 two years ago.

Noting his office has tried to operate the residence halls

as efficiently as possible, Meyerson said he hopes the increased rates will not scare off any students.

University dormitory occupancy ranged from near 100 per cent last fall to about 93 per cent now. President Joseph Soshnik said Saturday that these figures indicate that students consider the present rates to be fair.

Soshnik said the new increase is needed to cover higher operating costs and to keep up payments on the money NU borrowed to build the residence halls. He said room and board rates must pay for all dormitory operations, including labor costs.

The increase in rates, according to Soshnik, is primarily due to higher costs of food and minimum wages.

The campus President said University room and board rates this year are "about at the middle of the Big Eight group." He said that most of the other schools in the conference would probably increase their dormitory rates for next year.

Barry Pilger, an Arts and Sciences senior and chairman of the Housing Policy Committee (HPC), said the increased rates "will cause residence hall students to more candidly assess their situation to see if they really want to live in the halls another year."

Pilger said if the Housing Office raises the rates, then it should be more responsive to students. "The Housing Office has never actively pursued a social regulations policy that the students want," he charged.

Although he said the increased rates were warranted, Pilger was disturbed that Meyerson did not consult the HPC about the new rates. The committee, whose charge is to consider all housing matters concerning students, consists of seven students and five faculty-administrators.

Meyerson said that he did

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Nebraskan gets support

For the second time this spring University students have demonstrated overwhelming support for continuing use of student fees to support the Daily Nebraskan.

Preliminary results of a poll conducted by the Student Affairs Office at the request of the Board of Regents showed that 76.5 per cent of the respondents said it was appropriate that student fee money be used to subsidize the Daily Nebraskan. The remainder of the respondents thought it was inappropriate that the newspaper receive student fees.

The poll, conducted Wednesday, April 28 in 9:30 a.m. classes on both Lincoln campuses, was filled out by 4,852 students.

A vote taken earlier in April at the ASUN Spring Election showed that 77.7 per cent of the voters favored continuing student fee support of the Daily Nebraskan. About 4,200 student participated in the ASUN vote.

A poll at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, also requested by the Regents, showed that 47 per cent of the respondents thought it appropriate that student fees be used to support the UNO student newspaper, The Gateway. About 31 per cent said that the student fee subsidy of the Gateway was not appropriate and 21 per cent were undecided.

The Regents have said that results of the polls on the two student newspapers will be advisory—not be binding on the student bodies and the Board.

Non-resident tuition

A bill to provide a clear-cut distinction between resident and non-resident status for the purpose of tuition payment at the Nebraska state colleges and the University is now pending in the State Legislature.

LB 408, introduced by Omaha Sen. Richard Proud, provides strict definitions of residency. According to the measure, a person must have "established a home in Nebraska where he is habitually present" in order to pay resident tuition.

To gain residency in this way a person must go to school for one year in the state as a non-resident and pay Nebraska sales and income taxes and have registered an automobile during that time. In addition he must have registered to vote and have on file an affidavit that he intends to make Nebraska his home.

If a person has lived in the state as a resident with his parents and they move, he has the option of remaining in the state and continue to pay the lower resident tuition rates.

Children, husbands or wives of persons who qualify as residents can also pay resident rates at state schools.

Dependents of members of the staff of state colleges and universities who move to the state immediately before the beginning of a school term qualify for resident status.

Proud's bill is designed to alleviate resident status confusion that led one NU Law College graduate to file suit against the University Board of Regents several months ago asking for residency status.



Mother's Day

Despite the inclement weather, Mother's Day 1971 found about 100 people observing a Mothers for Peace service on the State Capitol steps. A statement from the group said "War is obsolete...for now, forever, there is no mother who is enemy to another mother."