

CSL report combines fees, tuition

by Carol Strasser

A student fee report, which recommends changes in procedure and terminology rather than a radical change in the system, will be forwarded to Chancellor James Zumbege by the Council on Student Life (CSL).

CSL decided Tuesday to add comments to the recommendations from its ad hoc committee on student fees but didn't act on the report before sending it to the chancellor. The chancellor said he intends to set up a student fee committee but agreed to wait until he receives the CSL report.

In the new terminology, tuition and student fees would be combined into an amount called simply tuition. This would be expressed as a single amount in University publications with a list of the types of services provided from the single payment, such as student government, instructional programs, student health center, recreation and intramurals and the Nebraska Union.

The report states that ASUN hasn't been as fiscally accountable to the University community as have other student organizations and outlines a new fiscal procedure to be implemented by ASUN.

ASUN President Bruce Beecher told CSL he is working with Student Activities on a new procedure and added that this was something "ASUN can do internally."

CSL then added a comment to the report stating that ASUN is attempting to solve the

problem and these efforts may make the report's recommendations unnecessary. The Council also suggested that the chancellor consult with Beecher on the procedure.

The report recommends that students be added to the budget review committee for ASUN, now composed entirely of administrators. However, some CSL members questioned whether this might create a group of "super-students" who override decisions by elected students.

CSL, with little comment, passed on the recommendation that students should be involved in the decision before any new facilities are built on campus which would increase the \$14.50 students pay for bonded indebtedness.

Deleted from the report was a recommendation that the Nebraska Union be commended for its budget development and accountability system.

Terry Braye, CSL student member who was on the fee committee, said it would have been better to describe a model system rather than pointing to one group. He said the recommendation "may be a reflection of those who wrote," referring to the Nebraska Union representative on the committee.

Student CSL member Dennis Confer said the statement "looks out of place." ASUN was rated low and the Union was rated high but "we need some basis for that," he said, which wasn't given in the report.

However, other council members suggested that the Union was only intended to be a model and wasn't an attack on other organizations' procedures.

The fee committee indicated that offices receiving student fees have followed established procedures, except the Placement Office which needs a student-faculty advisory committee.

In their comments, CSL added that since the Placement Office was cut from the budget, it began operating with student fees and hadn't had time to develop formal student input.

The report recommends that faculty and staff members who use recreational equipment and facilities supported by student fees should be assessed a fee.

The report also sets up an appeal route through CSL for those students dissatisfied with the use of tuition and a procedure for student organizations to ask for allocations from tuition.

CSL passed without comment the recommendation that no action be taken by it to attempt to change the level of tuition support for University agencies or organizations.

The report suggested that no action be taken on the use of \$100,000 "prior years collected fees" but rather that it should be used as a reserve for special projects.

However, CSL suggested that a procedure with student input should be established for those who wish to obtain some of the funds since they are now being allocated to projects by the administration.

CSL agreed not to send with the report a list of the committee's observations concerning the use of student fees by the Daily Nebraskan and ASUN and on a possible University-wide program council since these weren't given as recommendations.

Beermann abandons residency restriction

by Steve Arvanette

Sec. of State Allen Beermann's decision to throw-out the state's voter residency requirement gives any Nebraskan the chance to vote in the May 9 primary. All that is required is that the person register before the deadline of 6 p.m. Friday.

In announcing his decision Wednesday, Beermann—serving as the state's chief election official—ruled the six-month state residency, 40-day county and 10-day precinct residency unconstitutional.

"The standard for Nebraska must be simply that whoever, on the day of election, is a U.S. citizen of the constitutionally prescribed age, and a bona fide resident of the state, county and precinct, may register to vote, provided, of course, that the person is not otherwise disqualified," Beermann said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled a one-year state residency requirement in Tennessee unconstitutional and recommended a 30-day stipulation in registering voters.

A check Thursday with the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's office confirmed their office has instituted Beermann's new policy.

A spokesman at the office said the registrant must only confirm he is a resident of the county. No specified period of time is required.

In the six-page statement to each of the state's 93 county election officials, Beermann declined to extend the time limit for voter registration before the May 9 primary. It will still be the second Friday before the election, or April 27.

Beermann said his decision to drop the residency requirement "eliminates discrimination against new residents."

Politicians will join in Walk for Development

Five politicians—three Democrats and two Republicans—will join Saturday in Lincoln's 21-mile Walk for Development.

Like the majority of the other walkers, four of the politicians are Lincolnites. The fifth is South Dakota Gov. Richard F. Kneip, a stand-in for presidential candidate George McGovern.

The Lincoln politicians are Wallace C. Peterson, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate; Charles Thone, Republican congressman from the First District; Darrel E. Berg, candidate for the Democratic nod to oppose Thone in November; and Lt. Gov. Frank Marsh, a Republican.

The Walk for Development, a nationwide project, is hoped to raise about \$30,000 for anti-poverty projects, according to organizers. About \$13,000 is slated for projects in Lincoln; the rest will be spent on national and international projects.

Sponsors pledge to donate an amount of money—anything from cents to dollars—for every mile participants in the fund-raising project walk.

Registration for the Walk begins 7:30 a.m. at the State Fairgrounds 4-H Building. The Walk is expected to take most of the day.

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