

# Union Board offers \$7,400 to minorities

The Nebraska Union Board voted unanimously Wednesday to allocate \$7,400 to two campus minority organizations for program funding.

The board did so at the urging of the Union Program Council (UPC), which recommended the expenditure in a resolution to the board.

Carol Evans, UPC chairman, asked the board to give \$3,400 to the Council of American Indian Students and \$3,000 to the Mexican American Student Association.

The UPC also recommended that the board study funding requests from other groups which approach UPC.

Union Board chairman Dave Holst said the board's action will not set a precedent, and developing other sources of funding for minority student activities is one of the board's priorities.

Leroy Ramsey, UNL director of minority affairs, told the board that as numbers of minority students increase, the University must accommodate more activities which interest them.

Union Director Al Bennett, initially questioned UPC's request, as did most of the board.

"There is honestly an end to the funds. Our cushion fund has been short for the past two,

three four years now. If a group is worthy of funding, couldn't it come from somewhere else than this board?"

Ramsey said that obtaining funds from outside the University would be possible, but would take a great deal of initiative.

"At NYU we paid a grant specialist \$40,000 a year to pull in \$2 million in grants each year. You have to be more professional in your outlook," Ramsey said.

Board member Ray Metoyer said "minority students keep trying to get on the University budget, but this hasn't sensitized the administration and they aren't handling their share of the problems."

Metoyer said he didn't have much faith that the four student fee Task Forces currently being set up to study fee distribution would go far in funding minority programming needs.

The board had been asked to appoint representatives to serve on the Student Programming Task Force, Student Facilities Task Force.

Ramsey suggested some alternatives the board could check for funding ethnic programs. He said they could give a minimum amount of funds to groups, while holding money in reserve to be allocated later for deserving programs.

Another possibility would be giving minorities per-student allocations. He also suggested outside funding, possibly from foundations.

Other business at the meeting included a decision to hold East Union Program Council interviews at 5 p.m. on November 15th.

The Board also denied a request for classroom space for a management class to be held next spring and is currently considering a request for space from the University Child Care Project.

# Nebraska student leaders to discuss college lobby

About a dozen student leaders from Nebraska colleges will be meeting in Lincoln Oct. 21 to consider formation of a student lobby.

The lobby, according to organizer J. J. Plant, would attempt to make student's concerns known to the legislature on a full time basis.

He said the lobby would represent both public and private college students.

Plant said some changes he anticipates students would push for would be lowering legal age to 18, increasing tuition aid to private college students, increasing student loan levels and adding a student member to the University Board of Regents.

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