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RHA proposes election date, duties changes in constitution

The UNL Resident Hall Association (RHA) Thursday voted to propose four changes in their constitution regarding the vice president's duties and the date of RHA elections.

The new proposals state that the election date shall be determined by an election committee at the beginning of the second semester, that procedures and dates for candidate filing must be published and that the vice president should assist the president in the execution of his duties, in addition to filling in for an absent president.

Jim Burke, RHA vice president, said the amendments, which were unanimously approved, must be published three times before the election.

RHA president Tim Evensen announced that there will be a meeting Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the RHA office (107 Neihardt) for all prospective RHA candidates who are interested in learning what the offices entail.

Also, according to Ken Swerdlow, assistant director of Housing, a housing policy committee will meet in an open hearing Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union to investigate the visitation policy.

In addition to regular business, 12 ASUN executive candidates were present to participate in a debate.

Jim Say, United Student Effort Party (USE) presidential candidate, said his party doesn't want to make the Union another Gateway, as regards commercial businesses. He stressed that

since ASUN doesn't have control over the Union, a change in power structure must take place.

Dennis Snyder, speaking for the unofficial America party, running on an independent ballot, suggested the creation of a Student Activity Center because he said students are investing "big chunks of money into a losing business" in the Student Union.

Del Gustafson of the Sons of Liberty Party (SOL), agreed with USE that expanding the Union deserves further investigation.

"The Union is for students—there should always be room for them," he stated.

Rick Horton of the unofficial Pro-Apathy Party (PAP) said that since dormitory residents are paying twice for services, ASUN coordination with RHA is needed. He suggested a hired expert to look into student interests.

Vince Powers, an independent presidential candidate who advocates withholding student fees next semester, said that if students withhold funds, the ASUN will be controlled strictly by the students instead of by the chancellor and the Board of Regents.

It had been suspected that RHA president Tim Evensen would announce his candidacy for an ASUN executive position at the meeting.

But Evensen said, "I am not announcing my candidacy at this time, though a write-in candidacy is certainly not out of the question. This is the year of the independent candidate," he said.

'Biased coverage' criticized

The Daily Nebraskan came under attack at the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) meeting Thursday night.

In a budget hearing before the FAB, Dean Kirby and Karen Steinbruegge, UNL students, said the Daily Nebraskan has produced low-quality journalism and has not been responsible to the student body.

The Daily Nebraskan is asking for \$35,000 in student fees to supplement its budget. The amount of the Daily Nebraskan budget coming from student fees has decreased from 43 per cent in 1971-72 to about 12 per cent next year, according to Ken Kirk, advertising coordinator.

Kirby said the Daily Nebraskan has biased coverage of student affairs, contains too much opinion and contains writing inconsistent with the salaries paid to the staff.

"The paper almost as a matter of principle does not recognize the obligation it must incur to the student community, if the students will be taxed to support it," Kirby said.

He said the editorial policy has stereotyped the students and does not give enough advance notice of upcoming events. The FAB could change the poor quality of the Daily Nebraskan if it would take action to cut off its student fees funding, he said.

FAB member Jim Lewis questioned the profit

of \$15,000 shown on the Daily Nebraskan budget this year.

Jerri Haussler, Daily Nebraskan business manager, said the profit has come from exceptionally good advertising sales, but is partially in equipment and bill-out assets.

Lewis said justification of the profit must be shown to the FAB, since student fees are allocated on a zero-based budget.

In other business, Ely Meyerson, dean of student development, told the FAB that because of good management in the Student Health Center, \$70,000 to \$90,000 in student fees will be saved this year.

The funds left over from the health center will be allocated to other services receiving student fees, he said.

Of the \$61.50 paid each semester in student fees, Meyerson said, \$8.11 is used for student organizations and activities. Funding for Overseas Opportunity, Travel Flight Program and New Student Program is subtracted from that amount, he said.

The FAB approved tentative allocations to the Soccer Club, Ski Club, Association for Computing Machinery, University Child Care Project, Weightlifting Club, Fencing Club and Judo Club.



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