



Ely Meyerson, dean of student development.

UNL administrators oppose fees change

While some ASUN executive candidates campaigned for more student control of fees, UNL administrators said they oppose ASUN Senate fee allocation power.

Two UNL administrators said that political struggles could result from Senate control of the allocation process of some student fees.

Of the \$61.50 that students paid with their tuition statements this year, about \$5.50 is allocated to student organizations, by the 11-member Fees Allocation Board (FAB). FAB, which includes student, administration and faculty members, was established in the spring of 1973 by the university administration.

Before FAB, one group that directed some fees money to student organizations was the ASUN Senate. The student governing body budgeted about \$5,000 to student groups, depending on how large its programming budget was, said Ely Meyerson, dean of student development.

Two reasons

Meyerson said he does not support ASUN allocation of student fees to organizations for two reasons.

First, he said elected members of the student senate are not representing direct constituencies. The ASUN senators, who are elected to represent each college, are not directly affected by the students who elect them, he said.

A second reason Meyerson gave against senate fee allocation responsibility was that the fee appropriation process would again be decentralized. When the senate had fee allocation power, other agencies such as the chancellor, vice-chancellor of student affairs and board of regents also allocated fees to student groups, he said.

'Equal access'

"Student groups didn't have equal access to the agencies within the ASUN senate that allocated student fees," Meyerson said. "Sometimes students did not know where or when fees hearings were to take place."

Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs, said a political entity such as the ASUN Senate should be separated from the fee allocation process.

"Student fees should be allocated to groups based on the merits of what that group wished to accomplish with the fees," he said.

Bader said the FAB is independent of any political disputes among students. The five members appointed by the ASUN Senate are somewhat responsible to the elected members of ASUN, he added.

Bader also said that perhaps the senate would misuse the power to allocate fees to student groups. He explained that the ASUN budget was temporarily frozen in 1970 after the senate allocated money to finance a human sexuality conference.

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