

Nine candidates for Arts and Sciences post

By Sandy Mohr

At least three members from within the College of Arts and Sciences and two outside the university are being considered as permanent dean for the college, according to the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board chairman.

Todd McDaniel, a senior political science major from Fairbury, said he knows that Psychology Prof. David Levine, Chemistry Dept. Chairman C.G. Meisels and Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Max Larsen are on the list of nine candidates sent to Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge by the search committee.

Although the Student Advisory Board does not interview candidates from the college, they do interview candidates outside the university.

McDaniel said last week the board interviewed Nason E. Hall, Jr. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,

where he was sociology dept. chairman and currently is associate dean of student academic service and special programs. He said the only other candidate his board has interviewed is a linguistics professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. McDaniel said he could not remember the man's name.

Although the UNL College of Arts and Sciences has had an interim dean for one and one-half years, the search for a permanent dean is moving smoothly and efficiently, according to History Prof. John Yost, search committee chairman.

Interim Dean Larsen stepped in during the 1974-75 school year while former Dean Melvin George took leave to work for the State University of Nebraska (SUN) and University of Mid-America (UMA). When George left in spring 1975 to become vice-president for academic affairs

at the University of Missouri (MU), Chancellor James Zumbege appointed a search committee to find a new dean, Yost said.

Last October, the search committee, comprised of nine professors in the college, one undergraduate student, one graduate student and one alumni representative, submitted to Breckenridge a list of nine candidates. Yost said the list was reduced from 70 applications and nominees.

In addition to the student advisory board, each candidate is interviewed by all Arts and Sciences department chairmen and search committee members, Yost said. He added that he does not know how many more candidates from the list will be interviewed.

"I am confident Breckenridge will soon bring the search to a conclusion," Yost said, adding that the search had not been delayed by the additional search for a permanent chancellor.

Varner...

Varner said about \$2 million of the proposed increase would come from increased tuition rates, and the remainder from state tax funds.

Those dollars were needed, Varner said, to make state tax support equal to the average of the top half of Big 8 Conference schools.

NU less support

ASUN Government Liaison Committee Chairman John Welch told the committee that studies by the Governor's Commission on University Funding, the University of Kansas (KU) and the Legislative fiscal analysts showed NU receives less support than most schools in some areas.

The KU study showed UNL English professors were paid less than those at 56 of 59 universities and that UNL ranked 31st among 31 state institutions. Welch said 90 per cent of institutions pay English professors more than UNL.

Welch said faculty members salaries were the most important issue in the NU budget for 1976-77.

He noted that students pay higher tuition at UNL than at any other Big 8 school, and prospects seem great for another 11 per cent tuition increase. Welch said students would not mind paying that level of tuition if state tax support was increased to a comparable level. He said he supported a 6 per cent general salary increase plus another

6.32 per cent merit salary increase for UNL faculty to reach parity with other Big 8 schools.

Not only salaries

Varner also said that agricultural school faculty assigned to experiment stations are paid less in Nebraska than at five other Big 8 schools. He said salaries are not the only problem, explaining that Gov. J. James Exon vetoed approximately 80 per cent of equipment budgets for all three NU campuses this year.

"We believe that it is eminently fair to propose that this university be funded at the level of the average of the top three in the Big 8," Varner said. "We do not believe that the citizens of this state want their university funded less than this."

Welch said he thought the loss of several Arts and Sciences College deans in the last decade was caused by low salaries, contributing to a "lack of continuity" at UNL.

Varner also recommended a formula to be developed to equalize support for comparable programs at UNL and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). That would require a \$200,000 supplemental appropriation for UNO, he said.

Sen. Douglas Bereuter of Utica questioned the comparability of such programs when professors are teaching

classes in Omaha that are taught by graduate assistants at UNL. He also noted many such UNL classes have more students enrolled.

Varner agreed, but said that UNO gets less per capita state support than any other state educational institution.

UNL Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge said he supported budgetary improvements in several areas. He said UNL needed \$514,000 for continuing support of Areas of Excellence in Chemistry, Music, Architecture, Life Sciences and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Howard Ottoson, acting vice-chancellor of the said Areas of Excellence in crop physiology, swine research, and water resources management needed \$273,000.

Committee chairman Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings said university administrators should be able to address Exon's university budget proposals (\$84.1 million in tax support compared to the committee's \$88 million) within ten days.

Exon's budget recommendation also includes appropriations in four areas: central administration, the three campuses, the Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources and nontax fund accounts. The NU Board of Regents would allocate funds within those four guidelines under the governor's plan.

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