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Promotion, tenure policies prompt A & S review vote

The College of Arts and Sciences faculty voted Wednesday to meet next fall and review the college's promotion and tenure policies as described in the college's Faculty Handbook.

The policies in the handbook were passed by faculty members in 1971 and revised in 1975 by the Arts and Sciences Council and the college's Executive Committee. Ivan Volgyes, political science professor, said some portions of the policy are "severely different from previous language that we have not had the right to vote on."

Faculty members also voted to table until the fall meeting a resolution recommending distribution of the minutes of the Arts and Sciences Council and the college's Executive Committee to all faculty members, except when personnel matters were discussed. Another resolution tabled until next fall would require the Executive Committee to justify any recommendation for promotion and tenure that was not made by the appropriate department.

Recently there has been some faculty disagreement with the Executive Committee's tenure- and promotion-grant procedures. A letter was distributed by 10 faculty members stating that some of the committee's decisions "seemed arbitrary and capricious."

In a letter to all faculty members, Dean Max Larsen said, "critics of the actions of the Executive Committee should realize—that in matters such as these—rational persons may well disagree." He added that such disagreement does not "constitute a charge of incompetence, arbitrariness or capriciousness."

At the meeting, Philosophy Prof. Robert H. Hurlbutt defended the seven-member committee by saying its actions have not been "against the sentiments of the faculty."

Ten philosophy department faculty members distributed a letter prior to the meeting asking that the college's faculty restore "a vote of confidence in the Executive Committee." However, when a motion was later made to adopt that suggestion, a motion to adjourn overruled it.



Photo by Ted Kirk

It's not all smiles as this clown spreads grease paint on his face, while preparing to go out and make the crowd laugh one more time. The Shrine Circus is playing at the State Fairground Coliseum until May 2.

Amount of proposed increase still pending

By Bryant Brooks

The proposed student fee increase for next fall still fluctuates between \$1 and \$3.50, depending on which of two recent studies is used, said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader.

The \$3.50 increase is recommended in a study released in February by Allen Bennett, Nebraska Union director, Larry Emmons, Union business officer; Ron Gierhan, assistant to the vice-chancellor for student affairs, and Ely Meyerson, dean of student development.

The \$1 increase recommendation was released Monday by the Fees Allocation Board (FAB).

The February report recommended that \$1.35 of the increase go to the University Health Center, 68 cents to the Nebraska Union, \$1.30 to replace spent surplus funds and 17 cents to what is called the "fudge factor" or error factor.

The surplus fund, money carried over from year to year, expired this year. It is used to support programs whose expenditures exceeded their income and

allocations.

FAB proposal

The FAB proposal cuts away all of these increases except \$1 of the "\$1.30 to replace spent surplus funds."

"The health center has indicated they can manage next year without a fee increase if they are no longer required to support the Health Education Program," the FAB report states. It continues that financing of health education is a "misuse of student fees and should not be continued."

The report says that the Union does not need the 68 cent increase "if the proposed Operational Depreciation account is budgeted \$51,150 rather than \$75,150, which has been requested."

Scratching any error factor from the list, the FAB report says "FAB does not look favorably upon 'fudge factors'."

FAB faculty adviser Jim Lewis, assistant professor of mathematics, said the board decided that 30 cents of the \$1.30 surplus fund request could be deleted "through

some more careful expenditures of the money paid out of surplus."

Final decision June 26

Bader said he has seen both reports but wants to be sure he has talked to "all groups involved" before making a decision on his recommendation to the NU Board of Regents, due June 26.

"I've pretty well come to a conclusion on it," he said, adding that there probably will be a compromise between the two reports.

"I'm inclined to think about \$2," he said. "A couple of FAB's assumptions are perhaps a little weak."

He probably will support the February report's recommendations of \$1.30 for spent surplus funds and of 68 cents for the Union, Bader said, but otherwise agreed with the FAB report.

He said he is "inclined to hedge" on the Union appropriation because "we don't know what kind of expenses will be involved in opening the new East Campus Union."

Bader said he would have his final recommendation prepared by this afternoon.

Gay Rap Line finance resolution fails ASUN test

By George Miller

The ASUN Senate Wednesday night rejected a resolution introduced by Home Economics Sen. Andy Cox recommending that the Gay Action Group and Gay Rap Line receive no student fees financing.

Lyle George, a freshman agronomy major from Lincoln, told the Senate the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) had allocated \$500 for the Gay Action Group and Gay Rap Line.

George, who presented a petition to the Senate signed by 1,553 students protesting the allocation of funds, said services provided by the two organizations are duplication of services provided by Outreach and Commonplace.

He also said that homosexual acts are prohibited by state law and that if the law is outmoded, the law should be changed, not ignored.

George said the Rap Line "is of no benefit to anyone, not even gays."

Misguided problem solving

It's misguided to think that if you throw money at a problem, it will go away," George said.

Don Wesely, FAB chairman, said the organization

felt there was no duplication of efforts between the Rap Line and Outreach. He said the Rap Line was "a good complement to Outreach."

Wesely said the Rap Line was a good service that works well and that fulfills a need on campus. He said gays could possibly suffer "harrassment" if they used other telephone services.

In reply, George said the campus Gay Rap Line only provides information as to what the Lincoln Gay Action Group is doing. He said any information that could be provided by the line also could be provided by the Gay Resource Center at Commonplace or from books in the library.

Paul Morrison, a graduate political science student from St. Paul, was recognized from the audience. He said the resolution was "totally absurd" and questioned whether persons supporting it were against homosexuals and not services provided by the rap line.

More for less

Morrison said many other university organizations receive more than \$500 in student fees but have fewer persons involved with them. He told the senate that if they

opposed the organizations they should revoke their constitutions.

"If you're against homosexuality, pass laws against sodomy and bestiality while you're at it," Morrison said.

The resolution, which failed by a vote of two in favor and 23 opposed, was not recalled for consideration at the end of the meeting, although attempted by Business College Sen. Bill Jackson.

In other action, the Senate passed resolutions committing each senator and ASUN executives to speak to students at least once next semester at living units other than their own, as well as once at their own living unit.

It also passed a resolution supporting the FAB report that recommends a student fees increase for the 1976-77 and 1977-78 academic years. It also congratulated FAB and the NU Board of Regents for their transfer of five university programs from student fees support to university budget support. Those programs are Career Planning and Placement, Career Counseling, New Student Orientation, Environmental Health and Health Education.