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Boxing club constitution passed after fees debate

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The ASUN Senate Wednesday night adopted three resolutions and tabled a fourth, but the most debate came with the unexpected introduction of the UNL Boxing Club's constitution for approval.

Senator Laura Schory asked to introduce the constitution as the last business item of the meeting because she said the group wants to have a smoker in the union before the next senate meeting.

A doctor will be at a boxing demonstration during the smoker, ASUN president Bill Mueller said. In order for the doctor's malpractice insurance to be in force, he said, the group must be an approved student organization.

"The student fees pie is getting more and more hands into it," Sen. Scott Cook said.

Sen. Tom Miller said, "It's not our purpose to run FAB (the Fees Allocation Board)."

The debate centered on whether a group should be required to state in it's constitution if it intends to request fees. Currently groups do not have to state whether they will apply for student fees. The senate agreed that such a statement should be required in the future, but that the boxing club shouldn't be penalized for not having one.

Cook said ASUN can require through an organic act that groups state whether they will use fees.

The senate also adopted a resolution requiring a monthly itemized ASUN financial report.

Another resolution passed by the senate will require the senate to approve all university committee nominations made by the ASUN president.

A motion for the senate to go on record favoring a pay increase for members of the Nebraska Legislature was tabled for a week.

The delay will allow the Government Liaison Committee (GLC) to register as a lobbying body, Sen. Ken Christoffersen said. The resolution directs the GLC to lobby for passage of the increase.

The Senate also went on record as approving of the Union Program Council's use of student fees for the Power and Conspiracy in America: Who's in Control? symposium and congratulated the UPC on a job well done.

Willard Waldo, candidate for the Fourth District re-

gent, told the senate he would work to promote greater understanding between the university, the governors . office and the Legislature.

Waldo, a legislator for nine years and currently a member of the State Board of Education, said there is no reason for the university, legislature and governor's office to be adversaries.

Waldo also said although state senators are under pressure to keep state spending at a minimum, taxpayers should be willing to pay a substantial part of the cost of education.

"I don't want tuition to get to the level where it keeps people from getting an education," he said.

Waldo said he would work for establishment of a firstclass university system, but one in which programs and classes which did not benefit a large number of people in the state or were not important to them would be eliminated.

On the UNL-UNO parity issue, Waldo said a lot of studies and plans aren't needed.

"We need to decide what we want on each campus and then get the people we need and pay them what they're worth," he said.

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