

Ticket price hike discussion tabled; regents to hear tenure report today

By Anita Stork

A proposal to hike the price of Husker football tickets for non-conference games has been shelved for now.

In a meeting of university officials Thursday morning it was decided to "defer the matter until there has been more discussion," according to Ron Gierhan, acting vice chancellor for student affairs.

As a result, the increase will not be on the agenda at Friday's NU Board of Regents meeting at Regents Hall. A report on tenure levels and federal money for the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) will be on the agenda.

The proposed \$1 price increase for non-conference games would support women's athletic programs. Gierhan said he wasn't sure if the higher price would affect student tickets or apply to regular season ticket holders only.

Gierhan estimated that \$250,000 to \$280,000 would be generated by the price increase.

Title IX compliance

"To comply with Title IX the university has to increase support of women's athletics, to a level comparable to the male athletic programs," Gierhan said.

Title IX, a part of the federal Educational Amendments of 1972, prohibits sex discrimination in institutions receiving federal support.

"Women's athletics broke even on last year's expenditures," Gierhan said. "If we increase money spent there, it has to come from somewhere."

Miles Tommerasen, vice chancellor for business and finance, said UNL is one of the few schools which does not meet athletic expenses with student fees or tax dollars.

Also at the meeting, the regents will hear a report indicating that the percentage of tenured faculty at UNL has declined slightly.

A study by Steven Sample, NU executive vice president for academic affairs shows that the number of tenured faculty members has dropped about 3.2 per cent, to 61.3 per cent of the total faculty. This is above the national average.

UNL tenure level high

Campus tenure levels are: UNL, 70.1 per cent, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 36.5 per cent and UNO, 59.9 per cent.

A national study shows that 59 per cent of faculty members at all ranks in public universities are tenured.

UNO is seeking support from the Regents in their application for \$7.1 million in federal money.

The \$7.1 million is part of the \$10 million allocated to Nebraska to fight unemployment.

The money would be used for construction of a health,

physical education and recreation building on the UNO campus. Two attempts to get state funds for the project have been vetoed by Gov. J. James Exon.

To be eligible for the money, that area's unemployment rate must be above the national average. The Douglas and Sarpy County area is the only one in Nebraska that qualifies.

Regents will also consider:

-A UNL procedures code for the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee that would establish due process for faculty members who have grievances or face dismissal.

-A program for dental training of South Dakotans.

-A report on progress of the UNL School of Life Sciences building.

-The authorization of bids for a new swine and beef farrowing center at the Curtis School of Technical Agriculture.

-A bid by the NU Foundation for an animal and plant health laboratory.



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