ASUN hears fees allocation schemes

Two tentative fees allocation proposals were placed before the ASUN senate Wednesday night for debate with the stipulation that it's budget committee create a firm proposal from them before next Wednesday.

Mike Brogan, Budget and Fees committee chairman, presented the committee's proposal calling for as many as nine ASUN senators and two non-voting administrators to serve on a fees allocation board. Sen. Bill Skoneki presented an alternative proposal calling for an 11-member board on which only three senators would be members.

Brogan told the senate that the nine-member allocations board is necessary for several reasons. Among those he listed were:

-ASUN would gain more credibility if it had the power to allocate fees.

-ASUN is the only college-level group in the state that does not have the power to allocate fees.

—ASUN senators are "more informed and hence would make better value judgments."

-"Shying away from administering fees might be construed as admitting incompetency."

Skoneki said ASUN should try for the broadest possible input from students and therefore should not eliminate at-large people from consideration.

"Because the whole senate is going to vote on it (future fee allocations) in the end," Skoneki said, "there is no sense in having all nine be ASUN members. Eventually we're going to get all the input we need.

"There are going to be years of low interest within ASUN, so this proposal is for that case."

Charlie Fellingham, ASUN first vice president, said the university administration is pressuring ASUN to make its final proposal before Nov. 16 so the NU Board of Regents can vote on it at its December meeting.

Proposal says administrators must submit parking policies for approval

By Gail Stork

Users of UNL parking lots can ignore parking policies approved by UNL campus police if a proposal to remodel the Parking Advisory Board is accepted, according to James Lake, drafter of the proposal.

Lake, board member, said the proposal would not change the board's duties. The board is currently responsible for setting rules and regulations for all parking on the UNL campus.

However, he said the proposal would require administrators to comply and bring parking policies to the board for approval before putting them into effect.

Lake said the board was unable to answer to the Faculty Senate last fall concerning parking changes because they were unaware any changes had been approved. Parking decisions had been made by the administration, he said.

"We have to do something around here to get decisions made by the proper group," Lake said, labeling the proposal's sanction "severe."

Changing the name of the board to Parking Committee is included in the proposal to help clarify the group's responsibilities, Lake said.

"The words 'advisory board' lead some people to think if you want advice you go to the board, if not, you don't," Lake said. "It (the board) is not supposed to be ignored. It has a role to play in parking decisions—not just an advisory role."

According to the proposal, the board's membership would change from two faculty members to four, but would maintain the current three student and four campus representative membership.

In addition, the UNL chancellor would have the power to appoint the four campus representatives in the interest of the administration, office and service staff, campus security and the general public, Lake said.

Altering the membership is an effort to get public input as well as a representation of his faculty constituents, Lake said.

He added that he hoped a battle would not develop over the four faculty, three student member provision because he said that is not the most important part of the proposal.

Lake said the board has benefited from the controversy created by the proposal.

"There are a lot of things PAB is discussing that last year we wouldn't even have heard about," he said.

However, Lake said the proposal still needs to be pushed to insure that the situation does not "backslide after this emergency."

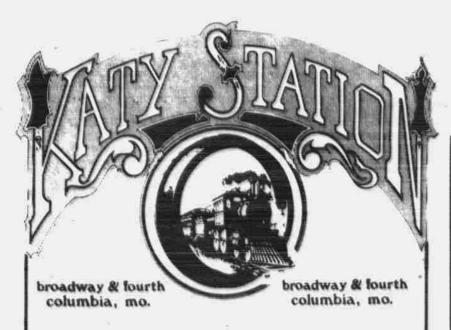
Lake said he started drafting the proposal nine or ten months ago. It has already been approved by the Faculty Senate's committee on committees and executive committee, and is being considered by the Council on Student Life.

The chancellor will make a decision on the proposal after the senate and the council have submitted recommendations on it, Lake said.

But he said there is no rush for the recommendations since "the faculty and the students are not up in arms about it," and this year's parking policies have already been set.

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