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"Five thousand signatures didn't change anyone's mind," Milliken said. Petitions supporting continued mandatory support for student programs and services, including a speakers program, were presented to the regents during discussion on the fees issue.

Clay Statmore, Union Board member and one of the students testifying for mandatory fee support for speakers, said the new fees policy is "contrary to the best interest of the students."

Statmore cited a lawsuit against the regents five years ago addressed to the issue of collecting student fees to support speakers and other programs.

"Five years ago they said the 'mandatory student fees have been established to provide services and facilities for students which in the judgment of the Board of Regents are essential to the creation of a better educational environment and which cannot be provided by any other sources of revenue,'" Statmore said. "Only successful speakers will show up if support is voluntary."

Don Orton, the only student to testify in favor of eliminating mandatory fees for speakers, said the regents' decision upholds student rights to freedom of speech and freedom of choice.

"I'm very pleased with the decision," Orton said, adding that he will support speakers on a voluntary basis.

Although Kent Whitacre, Fees Allocation Board vice chairman, said he did not know how the regents' decision will affect the board's future. Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs, said that the board will operate as always.

The new fees proposal does not change the method of submitting student organizations budgets, Armstrong explained, but it changes who is eligible to submit a budget.

Armstrong, a member of the task force that spent a semester studying student fees, said the recommendation approved by the board "was not what I felt was desirable."

"We need to develop a system to carry out the wishes of the board as well as carry out a speaker program."

However, Task Force Chairman Hans Brisch said he was pleased that Rosken's recommendation passed, adding that it was in keeping with the task force's proposal.

ASUN second vice president Ken Christoffersen said that the fees proposal passed by the regents was "the lesser of two evils," since they could have eliminated mandatory fees for all of Fund A.

"They (the regents) did about everything they could have done without sacrificing everything," he said. Christoffersen added that he is sure ASUN will discuss this issue to find the best possible fees strategy.

Statistics delay salaries study

The Chancellor's Salary Study Committee studying faculty salaries at UNL plans to make its recommendations to the chancellor by the end of March.

"We want to get this in the hands of the chancellor by the beginning of April," said Donald Haack, chairman of the committee. "However we are somewhat delayed."

The committee is obtaining information from an American Association of Universities data pool. Information includes rank and salary of personnel at several different universities.

The University of Wisconsin is late in submitting information to the pool, said Haack, and is holding back the study.

"We may have to go without them," he said.

After receiving the necessary information, the committee will do statistical work to determine deficiencies and make appropriate recommendations.

"We want to be able to determine what each instructor would make at the other schools," Haack said.



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