

CFA tentatively cuts fee allocations

By Bob Lannin

The University Health Center's budget presentation and ASUN's tentative allocation were discussed Thursday at a meeting of the Committee for Fees Allocation. Dr. Garland Bare, health center medical director, and Stephen Blom, administrator, presented the center's request for \$1,342,300 in student fees, an increase of \$165,050 over last year's allocation.

After considerable discussion and questioning, committee member Denise Schlake moved to tentatively allocate \$1,181,795 to the health center. Her motion passed by a 10-1 vote.

The committee asked the health center officials to look into the feasibility of installing some of the recommendations of the Chancellor's ad hoc Fund B study group.

Bare said the group's recommendations included charging a \$5 user fee for special services offered by the center, such as the dental clinic.

Decrease in student use

"If we charged \$5 per student, we would generate only about \$3 in per student income," Bare said, indicating there would be a decrease in the number of students using these services and that there would be additional costs involved in recording the user fees.

Bare said the user fees would probably raise at maximum a \$20,000-\$30,000 in additional income.

The study group also recommended that hospital and after-hours service of the health center be cut. Bare said this would make the center "an eight-hour a day center" and little more than a "band-aid station."

Dr. Bare said cutting the hospital and after-hours service would delay raising student fees but would not save students in over all health costs, since students would have to pay more at Lincoln hospitals for health services.

The possibility exists the health center could have its accreditation revoked if these programs were cut, Bare said.

Recording costs

The study group recommended the center study how many times each student uses the center, to find if over-use of the center by a few students exists. Bare said it would require another full-time office person to record these statistics and in the end would not cut costs.

A report presented by the health center with their request said a survey taken last week of about 300 students showed they would support a \$3 to \$4 fee increase for student health services.

Committee member Tom Beyer voted against the tentative allocation, saying he felt the health center was the "cheapest medical bargain in town" and "too good of a medical bargain."

"Students would rather see an increase (in fees) than see the cuts," Beyer said.

Bare said the center would appeal the allocation adding he was very disappointed about the pressure to keep cutting costs.

ASUN fee proposals

The committee then moved into further discussion on the ASUN tentative fee allocation and on ASUN vice

presidents' salaries.

Because the committee's by-laws state motions require a majority of voting members present, ASUN's first tentative allocation did not stand.

Committee member Doug Brenner moved to allocate ASUN their requested amount of \$39,502.

Committee member Nathan Wesley objected to the proposal, saying he felt completely justified to cut salaries of the first and second vice presidents.

ASUN President Ken Marienau said by cutting salaries they were "catering to the rich" and discriminating against the kind of people who can run for executive offices.

"Are we trying to put people in debt to serve in student government?" Marienau asked.

Marienau also compared paying *Daily Nebraskan* reporters to paying student government executives and called the marketable skills argument "a weak one at best."

Quality without costs

Committee member Rocky Yapp said the committee believed ASUN could still get quality candidates without monetary compensation.

Beyer also said there were other means of support through school such as grants and loans and that they "can't expect an ASUN salary to put them through school."

Brenner's motion to allocate ASUN \$39,502 failed by a 2-7 vote with two abstentions.

The committee later passed a motion to allocate ASUN \$38,102, cutting the vice president's salaries in half to \$700 per year, by a 6-4 vote with one abstention.

In other action, the committee passed unanimously a motion to tentatively allocate the Nebraska Unions \$575,000, with the committee's endorsement for the unions to further pursue putting the bookstore and vending operations under Union management.

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