

162 faculty members sign petition

Dissolution of central administration sought

By Mike Sweeney

The College of Arts and Sciences faculty will discuss a resolution next week expressing a lack of confidence in the NU central administration and asking the NU Board of Regents to dissolve the administration structure.

Richard Boohar and John Lynch, two associate professors of life sciences, circulated a petition last week to put the resolution on the agenda of the college's Nov. 29 faculty meeting.

Lynch said the signatures of 162 instructors, including seven department chairmen, were collected in a day and a half. Faculty meeting procedures require only 10 signatures to add to the agenda.

The resolution blames the NU central administration for UNL's financial problems.

According to the resolution, the NU administration is the source of financial information for both the regents and the

Legislature, but has been unable or unwilling to secure adequate funds to operate the Lincoln campus.

Boohar said the administration has given the Legislature inaccurate impressions about the university budget.

AS A RESULT, "the Legislature doesn't trust us for some very good reasons," Boohar said.

"We'd like to so discredit the systems administration that when the Legislature wants to know what the state of the university is, they go to the campuses and colleges instead of the administration," he said.

Boohar said he hoped passing the resolution would either embarrass the administrators into resigning or draw enough attention to their performance that the Legislature stops using them as a source.

Lynch refused to specify which administrators he believed to be at fault,

saying only "the spokesmen at the top have failed."

A simple majority of the college's more than 400 faculty members is needed to pass the resolution. Lynch said he believes 90 to 100 percent of the college faculty members will support it.

Thomas Bestul, associate dean of Arts and Sciences, said the resolution will cause lively debate, which he wants to consider before voting.

Dean Max Larsen, who will chair the Nov. 29 meeting, was unavailable for comment Friday.

BESTUL SAID he wasn't surprised when the petition was delivered to the Arts and Sciences administration offices Monday.

"I think there is a recognition among the faculty that times are very difficult right now," Bestul said. "Petitions like this aren't really a surprise."

Boohar said he has contacted representatives of the Engineering, Teachers, and

Business Colleges, suggesting they consider passing similar resolutions.

"We don't want to give the impression that only the area of Arts and Sciences is unhappy," Boohar said.

Boohar said a lack of confidence in the administration has been building for years. A petition finally was prompted after the October Arts and Sciences faculty meeting, he said.

At the meeting, Larsen told the faculty what to expect if the Legislature approves only a 7 or 10 percent increase in the NU budget, Boohar said.

Boohar said the university needs at least a 19 percent budget increase to keep the city campus functioning.

"Things would just get cut everywhere without a 19 percent increase," Boohar said. "Belt tightening would cut us in half."

Lynch said a 7 or 10 percent increase sounds substantial, but either one would result in the further erosion of services on campus.

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Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

Parody rallies students

Students performed a parody of the NU Board of Regents at a rally sponsored by University Students for Educational Development (USED). Reporter Shannon Anderson, left, questions "Regent" Bob Knuth, middle, as Tim

Sullivan, right, looks on. The rally, Friday in front of the Nebraska Union, drew a crowd of about 200 students. More regents news concerning budget action and the USED organization is on pages 5, 6 and 7.

Students call policy change on speakers 'small victory'

By Michelle Carr

The reverse in policy Friday concerning mandatory student fee funding for political and ideological speakers was a victory, but it was a small one, according to two members of UNL organizations.

The NU Board of Regents, voted to change the policy they prohibited two years earlier. With the new policy, political and ideological speakers can be paid with student fees and are subject to a yearly inspection by the regents.

The policy stemmed from a joint resolution sponsored by members of ASUN and the UNO student government.

Voting for the new policy was Chairman Robert Koefoot of Grand Island and Regents Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff and Kermit Hansen of Omaha. Regents Kermit Wagner of Schuyler, Robert Prokop of Wilber and James Moylan of Omaha voted against the resolution. Regent Robert Raun of Minden was absent.

The regents eliminated student fee support for all speakers in 1978, following a letter-writing campaign by the Young Americans for Freedom, which opposed the use of student fee money to pay for speakers.

This year, the regents approved the use of student fee money if the chancellor determined that the speaker was not of a political or ideological nature. Alexander Ginzburg, a Soviet dissident who appeared on campus this semester, was determined not to be political or ideological and student fee money went toward his

speaker's fee.

ASUN Sen. Brad Belt was "elated" with the decision, but fears that students will become "complacent" with the victory and not actively support other student concerns.

Tim Rinne, a member of University Students for Educational Development, (USED), also stressed that the policy change was a "little victory" among the other student concerns that should be dealt with. Members of USED read a list of student concerns at the regents' meeting and staged a rally Friday morning to encourage student participation at the meeting.

MORE THAN 75 students attended the regent meeting and Rinne said that the large number of students attending was influential in the regents' policy reversal. He said the students' presence may have quelled Regent Moylan's plan to abolish mandatory fees for all speakers. Rinne said he had heard during the meeting that Moylan was planning such action.

"Just from the statements he made (during the meeting) you could tell he intended to do it," Rinne said.

Moylan said he was opposed to mandatory fees used in bringing speakers to campus that speaker support should be made only on a voluntary basis.

Belt said that students could have had an impact on Koefoot and Simmons because they were against the fee use before the student presentation.

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University shutdown will cause delay in mailing grades

By Kathy Stokebrand

As a result of the university shutdown during most of Christmas vacation, grades will be mailed out Jan. 14, 1980, one week later than usual, said Ted Pfeifer, director of registration and records.

If students need transcripts showing this past semester's courses, Pfeifer urged them to request their transcripts prior to Dec. 1 at Window 2 in the Administration building.

Pfeifer said students also can use more informal means to obtain their grades. He suggested giving instructors self-addressed and stamped cards to mail grades once they are determined or to read grade lists which some instructors post.

Students who need to know their grades from this

semester before they begin second semester classes should also consider where they will be when the grades come out a week later than usual. Grades will be sent to students' home addresses again and some students may already be back on campus by that time.

Grades are mailed to home addresses, Pfeifer said, because there is a 50 percent change of Lincoln addresses among students between first and second semester.

The last workday for the university, including the clerical staff, is Friday, Dec. 21. This also is the last day for final exams, so it will take time for instructors to grade the tests and for the grades to be processed after the university reopens in January, Pfeifer said. His staff won't have the grades until Jan. 7, which was last year's mailing date.

Pfeifer encouraged faculty cooperation in getting the

grades in as soon as possible. If they mail grades in, he said, they should indicate on the outside of the envelope that grades are included so that mail can receive priority when mail is opened after the shutdown.

If a faculty member is on campus and wishes to mail grades through campus mail, it may not be picked up until Jan. 7. Therefore Pfeifer urges all faculty on campus during the break to take their grades to 171 West Nebraska Hall and to indicate on the envelope that grades are inside.

Pfeifer said he doesn't expect a great deal of difficulty from the university shutdown. However, he said, the late mailing of grades could be a problem for the student who needs the grades sooner and doesn't make any effort to keep the delay as short as possible.