

Lab fee proposal to be 'tacked' on Regents' agenda

By Patti Gallagher

The proposal of changing students mandatory laboratory fees are a prime example of how "things get tacked on (to the tuition total) without students having any input," ASUN first vice president Glenn Poppert told the senate at their Wednesday night meeting.

He said that negotiations have been underway for some time to implement lab fees and yet information has been kept "real confidential."

The result is that students, all of whom could be affected by any lab fee proposal, are "getting the brunt of it," Poppert said.

Under the NU Five Year Plan, the NU Board of Regents are to be presented a plan on how to implement lab fees at their Dec. 13 meeting.

A committee consisting of four NU administrators is currently working on three options for the lab fee plan, according to Poppert. They include charging one set fee to all students, charging a different fee for each different lab class, or having a set lab fee for any lab classes, to be doubled with each additional lab class.

Poppert said that students have not been involved in the decision-making process and questioned why adminis-

trators instead of faculty are deciding academic issues.

He said that lab costs should come under each students basic tuition instead of being tacked on additionally.

Sen. Eric Torrison pointed out that students who do not take lab classes are currently having to support the those who do. But, said Sen. Dan Wadekind, if a breakdown is specified in the cost to students in the lab areas, the regents could likewise breakdown costs in other areas.

Poppert said he is opposed to the lab fees not only because students will be paying more, but because the committee does not know how the fees will be implemented, the amount that will be charged, who will be charged, and if the lab fees will actually go into the departments for which they are collected.

In other business, the senate passed a resolution supporting the higher education financial aids portion of the U.S. Federal Budget.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed its versions of the budget Tuesday. The Senate has yet to take final action.

The ASUN resolution says that nearly half of UNL's student body receives some form of federal financial aid. Any cutbacks in the federal budget may hinder that aid.

The resolution therefore resolves that Sen. J. James

Exon support the financial aid to education portion of the budget.

In other Senate action, ASUN voted to post their weekly agenda in the Nebraska Union. The agenda, planned to be placed under the ASUN pictures by the union's North desk, will be a means of communicating ASUN information to students, according to bill author Laura Burkland.

In executive reports, President Renee Wessels termed the guidelines passed by the committee reviewing the structure of the UNL Publications Board as "ludicrous."

The committee and the subsequent passage of new guidelines for the board was the regent's response to the James Coe letter incident.

The two major changes outlined by the committee include prohibiting any elected official to be a member on the board, and having a committee composed of one member from each college advisory board appoint the student members to the board.

ASUN is currently the body delegated to choose the student members on the board. Wessels said that responsibility should remain with ASUN because it is already structured and functioning, whereas many of the college advisory boards are unorganized.

"I think we should just be outraged" by the committee's recommendations, Wessels said.

700 donors needed to fill blood quota

The university branch of the American Red Cross will sponsor a bloodmobile in the City Union ballroom, Dec. 1 and 2.

Students have shown a strong interest in donating blood and recruitment programs have been working well, said Denise Glissman, co-chairperson of the Campus Red Cross.

Seven hundred donors are needed to fill their quota, she said. Many donation appointments have been made, but walk-in donors are welcome, Glissman said.

"It's so needed; it's a life-supporting system. Ten units of blood are needed every minute across the country," she said.

The Red Cross has had annual donation sites on campus for over 15 years, Glissman said, and last year 692 blood donations were made in the fall, she said.

The annual "Blood Hound Award," a gold-plated blood hound mounted on an engraved trophy, will be presented to the residence hall or Greek living unit that has the highest percentage of donors, according to businessman Joe Roberts, the Campus Red Cross president.

Among other activities, former Husker football coach Bob Devaney will kick off opening ceremonies with a speech in accordance with the promotional theme, "Go Give Red."

Anyone interested in scheduling a donation appointment can arrange one through a campus health aide or by contacting the Lincoln Red Cross.

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