

# Report explains effect of cut in NU financial aid

By D. Eric Kircher

About 25 percent of NU students receiving financial aid may become ineligible if the Reagan administration's proposed changes are passed by Congress, according to a report given to the NU Board of Regents.

The report on student financial aid, asked for by the regents at the March meeting, says between 300 and 400 UNL students and 200 to 300 UNO students may have to quit college if Congress approves the cuts.

The report—released by the Academic Affairs office—also says that even if total enrollment doesn't drop, the kind of student at NU may change. It says "truly needy" students may be unable to enter some professions.

Credit hour production at UNL and UNO may drop because of the enrollment drop and because more students may switch to part-time enrollment in order to work. The estimated drop in hours would be 7,000 at UNO and between 30,000 and 40,000 at UNL.

The report estimated the drops may be noticed in the spring 1982 semester

because the cuts would go into effect after the fall aid is released.

The cuts are expected to affect the students most who are on Pell Grants (BEOG) and Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL).

The report doesn't predict the effect on residency hall occupancy because of lack of data. It says the amount of aid used to pay tuition and the number of students who would drop college if they don't receive aid is hard to determine. It says the number of students who may borrow at higher interest rates is difficult

to predict accurately.

The report estimates that about \$1 million of federal aid is used to pay tuition and fees. About \$2.8 million in other aid is used to pay tuition and fees.

About 16,600 UNL students receive some form of federal aid, totaling \$24,263,024, and an unknown number receive other aid, totaling \$11,554,000, according to the report.

About 8,500 UNO students receive \$9,814,000 in aid, and about 2,673 NU Medical Center students receive \$6,617,900 in aid, according to the report.

# Report will establish UNL class size minimums

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A report to be presented to the NU Board of Regents Saturday establishes the minimum class sizes for UNL by college and course level. The five-year plan mandates the report.

The minimum number of students for classes at UNL range from 25 students for Business Administration, Home Economics and Teachers College Freshman lecture classes to two students in home economics child development labs and three in graduate engineering classes of reiterative teaching.

The minimums generally become less as the course level increases. Deans may grant exemptions to the minimums, with the approved exemptions and their justification being reported to the vice chancellor of academic affairs.

The report states that the purpose of the minimum class size policy is to increase the efficient use of professors, but that education policy, quality and effect on academic programs should be considered.

Vice chancellors will review the effect of the minimum class size policy annually and report to the chancellor.

The report has separate policies for each college and a general summer session policy.

The policy for the Colleges of Architecture, Engineering and Arts and Sciences requires at least 20 students in freshman and sophomore level lecture classes, 15 in junior and senior lecture classes, 10 in 400-800 level lecture classes, eight in 800 and seven in 900 level lecture classes.

Architecture seminar classes must have at least five students, and studio class limits range from 12 at the freshman and sophomore level classes to five in 900 level studio classes.

Classes not having the minimum after two class days will be cancelled, unless the dean of that college grants an exemption.

Arts and Sciences seminar classes require at least 12 in freshman and sophomore classes and at least five in graduate classes.

Conditions which could lower the minimums are: students needing the class for graduation; classes which should be offered on a continuous basis; an average size above the minimum, even though one class is below; the class needing to be offered for curriculum diversity, and the department expecting more students to take the class in the future.

Classes not considered as lecture classes have individual minimums.

Engineering labs require at least five students, unless the lab won't accommodate five students.

The Agriculture College requires at least 20 students in freshman lectures, 15 in sophomore lectures, 10 in junior lectures, eight in senior lectures, and five in graduate classes. Laboratories must have at least five students.

The Business Administration College is continuing levels which were established five years ago. Freshman and sophomore lecture classes must have at least 25 students, 20 are required in junior lecture classes, 15 in senior lecture classes, 12 in 400/800 lecture classes, eight in 800 and seven in 900 level lecture classes. Graduate

seminars must have at least five students.

Required classes would be offered at least once in two years.

Senior professional classes must have at

least 12 students. Lab limits range from two to eight students.

In many cases, maximum class size will be determined by room size.

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