

Changes in Dead Week policy are considered

UNL's Dead Week policy for this semester will follow the guidelines stated in the 1981-82 class schedule. The policy, passed by the UNL Faculty Senate in 1971, states that each instructor is expected to follow the published calendar and final examination schedule, and that instructors should make a special effort to avoid giving comprehensive semester examinations during dead week.

Comprehensive semester examinations are to be given at the time regularly scheduled for them. No hour exams are to be given during dead week without the unanimous consent of the students in the class.

Any deviation from this policy should be with the concurrence of the teaching department and the dean of the college, and with the unanimous consent of the class.

Complaint forms concerning violations of the Dead Week policy may be obtained in the ASUN Senate office, Nebraska Union 115.

A proposed change in the Dead Week policy was recently developed by the senate's Academic Policy Committee, said Steve Grasz, a member of the committee.

The proposed policy recommends that faculty give cumulative reviews during dead week, that no new

material introduced during dead week be included on the final comprehensive exam, that scheduled exams not be moved, that no major projects, papers or speeches be due during dead week unless specified by the instructor before the last day of drop and add, that no major exams be given during dead week, and that a course syllabus be issued by instructors during the first week of class.

The proposal would allow new material to be included on noncomprehensive exams and would also allow quizzes or assignments of rough equivalence to a quiz due during dead week.

Student Court deliberates about case of commission director after hearing

By Betsy Miller

The UNL Student Court heard testimony Friday at the hearing for Electoral Commission Director Jennifer Fager. The court will make a decision on the case early this week.

Fager is charged with giving misleading testimony to the court during two different hearings, one in February and one in March. The testimony relates to whether Fager advised some parties during the ASUN Senate election that it was permissible to post campaign signs prior to the Feb. 10 starting date specified in electoral rules.

Rick Mockler, serving as Fager's counsel, said he wanted the court to consider Fager's motion for dismissal before hearing any testimony. Chief Justice Joe Nigro, however, said the court had decided to deliberate the answers given by Fager to the charges and her motion for dismissal at the same time.

"We don't feel that's the appropriate way to handle it," Mockler said.

Nigro said evidence heard by the court at the hearing

would not sway its decision on whether to dismiss the case.

During the three-hour hearing, the court was forced to deliberate the question of whether the hearing was a new case against Fager or a rehearing on the original case filed against the Electoral Commission as a whole.

On March 1, the court made a decision on a suit filed by UNL students Kathy Mach and Mike Frost against the Electoral Commission. They charged that the commission had not provided for a fair election because of an unclear poster ruling. From that hearing, the court decided Fager had given misleading testimony and should be removed from her post as commission director. However, the court then declared that the decision against Fager was suspended.

Lucy Buntain, a UNL English instructor and faculty member of the commission, sat on the bench with Mockler and Fager Friday afternoon and refused to leave it because she said the hearing was a continuation of the original March 1 decision, an action involving the commission.

Nigro asked her to leave because Fager, as commission director, was on trial not Buntain. He also said that because Buntain is not a student, she could not offer counsel.

The court then recessed briefly and decided that the hearing was in fact new and did concern Fager individually, not the commission. Buntain agreed to leave the bench.

Mockler presented reasons for dismissal and then entered testimony under protest because the court wasn't deliberating the motion for dismissal separately.

The testimony concerns the issue of whether Fager, at a hearing on Feb. 18, tried to correct discrepancies between Mach's testimony that she informed all candidates except the STUPID II Party that campaign posters could be put up early and a written statement submitted by the commission Feb. 17, that stated that no parties were informed they could post signs early.

Also, the court charges that on March 1, Fager told the court she informed Working Coalition Party and Brian Stonecipher, an independent candidate, that they could put up posters before the date specified in commission rules. This contradicted a concession by the commission that it had told only the Real Party it was all right to put up posters before the Feb. 10 date specified in electoral rules.

Fager claims the rule is confusing, thus prompting confusing testimony.

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