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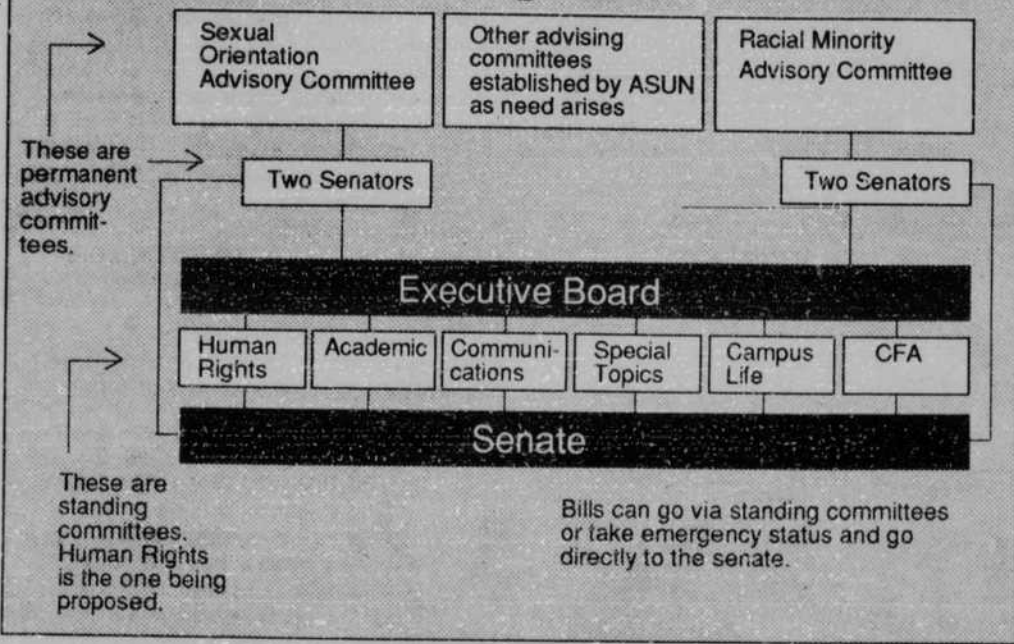
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Today, windy and cold with light snow diminishing to flurries. High in the mid 20s, winds northwest, 25-30 mph. Tonight, cold with flurries. Low 10. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high in the lower 30s.	News Digest 2 Editorial 4 Sports 8 Arts & Entertainment 12 Classifieds 15

Failed ASUN compromise to create standing Human Rights Committee



Brian Shellito/Daily Nebraskan

ASUN committee restructuring planned

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter
and Victoria Ayotte
Senior Editor

After a sit-in protest, ASUN senators and minority students worked Sunday to clear away the barriers to giving minorities a stronger voice in student government.

The structure of committees in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senate is on the chopping block.

ASUN President Phil Gosch said the committee restructuring would make the system more issue-oriented and would encompass more appointed students.

Currently, ASUN's five standing committees — Academic, Communications, Special Topics, Campus Life and the Committee for Fees Allocation — are composed only of sena-

tors. The system probably will add more committees, Gosch said, which could contain non-senators.

He would not give the specifics of the proposal, which now are being worked out and probably will not be finished in time for the senate's last meeting of the semester Wednesday night.

But the proposal will make the committees, and ASUN, more reflective of student needs, Gosch said.

"We realized that we can find some way to put together a system that better represents all students," he said. "The structure needs to change with the times."

The changing times have included increasing racial tension on campus as a result of ASUN's rejection of a cultural affairs committee Oct. 17.

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Regents plan Tuesday vote on Massengale contract

By Pat Dinslage
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska presidential search saga may come to an end Tuesday.

J.B. Milliken, NU Board of Regents corporation secretary, said that the board tentatively has planned a teleconference meeting for Tuesday morning.

The board will vote on the approval of a contract offering the NU presidency to NU Interim President and UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale.

Contract negotiations began Nov. 20 after the board voted 5-3 to offer Massengale the presidency. Massengale has not said if he will accept the position.

On Friday, Don Blank, board chairman, announced that contract negotiations with Massengale had been concluded. Dick Wood, NU general counsel, was asked to draw up the legal contract, Blank said.

Wood said Sunday that he had completed drafting the proposed contract, but declined to provide any details. A draft of the proposed contract will be released to the public today, he said, prior to the Tuesday meeting.

Regents Margaret Robinson of Norfolk, Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha and Regent-elect Charles Wilson of Lincoln declined to divulge any of the contract details, citing confidentiality.

According to a story that appeared Friday in The Omaha World-Herald, Payne said Massengale's salary would be between \$148,000 and \$160,000 annually. He would not provide this information in an interview Sunday.

Massengale now makes \$124,800 a year as chancellor and \$2,000 a month as interim president.

Blank said that if former NU President Ronald

Roskens still had the position, he probably would be earning about \$140,000 annually. Roskens was fired in the summer of 1989.

Another reported contention was the length of the contract — two years vs. three years. However, Blank denied any controversy.

"We were never even considering going two years," he said. The contract negotiations went smoothly, and "there was no controversy on any of the details."

Robinson said that she was in favor of a three-year, rather than a two-year, contract.

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Dean: Farm bill to frame policy, but funds may be short

By James P. Webb
Staff Reporter

The 1990 farm bill, signed by President Bush Wednesday, presents a pleasing picture to Darrell Nelson, but he still is concerned about future appropriations.

The dean and director of UNL's Agricultural Research Division said, "Overall, we were pleased with the farm bill. It has some excellent potential to increase funding for the University of Nebraska, particularly the

Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources."

University officials are "cautiously optimistic that we're going to get some reasonable increases in funding both for our formula programs, as well as our competitive areas, so we can get in there and compete with our colleagues and all the other universities around the country," he said.

But Nelson said the budget crisis, the recession and the Gulf crisis will make for conservative appropriations over the next five years.

The farm bill will serve as a framework for agricultural policy for the next five years, Nelson said. But agricultural programs such as UNL's could have trouble seeking actual appropriations given the weakened U.S. economy, he said.

"The amounts of funds that have been appropriated to the formula basis have not kept up with inflation, and the only way to survive and keep a program going is to decrease the number of positions of faculty, researchers and scientists," he said.

But Nelson said he hopes that university funding will at least keep up with the rate of inflation.

"For a 10-year period, we didn't even come close to getting inflationary increases, and that really hurt," he said.

Formula funds are dollars provided only to land-grant universities on the basis of the state's total acreage of land in production, total farms, value of products produced and other variables.

For fiscal year 1990, the univer-

sity's IANR programs received \$3 million in formula funds, or 10 percent of their \$31 million in total research expenditures. State funding amounted to \$18 million, or 58 percent, of their funding, Nelson said.

Other money awarded through grants and contracts was \$5.6 million, or 20 percent, from the federal government, and \$3 million, or 11 percent, from industry, he said.

Nelson said an alarming trend in

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Dean of engineering interim vice chancellor

From Staff Reports

Stan Liberty, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, was recommended Friday for appointment as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNL.

Liberty's appointment, made by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Associate Chancellor Jack Goebel and UNL Chancellor and NU Interim President Martin Massengale, will go before the NU Board of Regents at its December meeting.

Liberty was interim vice chancellor effective Saturday.

Goebel said in a statement that Liberty's "familiarity with UNL will be an advantage to the institution as we move forward during a period of transition on several levels. I look forward with pleasure to working with him."

Massengale agreed. "Dean Liberty's considerable reputation in the academic community as well as the state of Nebraska will serve him well in this demanding position," Massengale said in a statement.

Liberty had said he would accept

the interim vice chancellorship. "My intention going into this," he said Thursday, "is to come back to my deanship. I have never thought of the position as one I would want on a permanent basis."

Associate Dean Morris Schneider will be named as acting engineering college dean, Liberty said, during his period as interim vice chancellor.

Liberty replaces Robert Furgason, who left UNL to assume the presidency of Corpus Christi State University in Texas.

A national search for a permanent replacement for Furgason will begin soon, according to the Office of Public Relations at UNL.

Liberty, 48, is a researcher in stochastic control and mathematical systems theory. He was named Outstanding Young Electrical Engineering Professor in the United States in 1974 by Eta Kappa Nu, the electrical engineering honorary.

Since 1989, Liberty has been science and technology adviser to Gov. Kay Orr. He represents Nebraska as a member of the National Governors' Association Science and Technology Council of the States.



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'Tis the season

Brad Hurrell of Lincoln holds the tree he selected at Spiker Tree Farm, 1201 Fletcher Ave., while Dean Spiker cuts it.