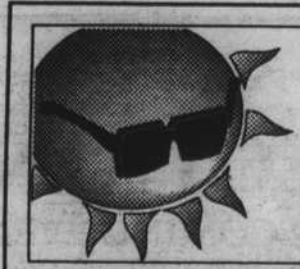


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, sunny and cooler, north wind 10-15 mph. Tonight, clear. Thursday, mostly sunny, high in the upper 60s.

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Objections aired at budget hearings



Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, listens to Larry Lusk, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, speak at the budget hearings Tuesday in the Nebraska Union ballroom.

Faculty challenges procedures used to determine cuts

By Wendy Navratil
Senior Reporter

From deep concern to outright objection, faculty representatives Tuesday expressed dissatisfaction with the budget-cutting process underway at UNL.

The first round of the Budget Reduction Review Committee hearings initiated the next phase in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln budget-reduction process. The process began last spring when the Nebraska Legislature mandated a 2 percent cut in this year's UNL budget and a 1 percent cut for next year.

In the coming weeks, the BRRC will consider faculty and student input regarding the proposed budget cuts and the procedures guiding the budget-cutting process.

Representatives of the College of Arts and Sciences executive committee were the first to present their doubts regarding the fitness of the budget proposals to the BRRC.

Esther Cope, a member of the arts and sciences executive committee, said the committee had "fundamental objections both to the procedures that have been used and to the cuts that have been proposed" in the arts and sciences college. The cuts would include the elimination of the speech communication and the classics departments.

Cope said that the college was forced to formulate its recommendations for cuts within the College of Arts and Sciences during the summer. Only 21 of the college's 424 faculty members have 12-month, as opposed to 9-month, contracts.

"Finding us in the summer is itself a daunting task; getting us together to participate in decisions about the future of our college would be virtually impossible."

The cuts that the college recommended both complied with the set guidelines and protected the interests of the college, she said. But they were not adopted in the budget-cutting proposals.

The explanations she has heard for the cuts that were proposed, she added, appear to "defy reason."

"I know I am not alone in having had my confidence in this university shaken," she said.

Ellen Baird, co-chairwoman of the Faculty Women's Caucus, pointed out inconsistencies between the proposed cuts and the goals of

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Officials fight for coaching endorsement

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

Officials representing UNL's coaching endorsement program and the proposed College of Fine and Performing Arts testified on behalf of their programs in hearings before the BRRC Tuesday.

The hearings are part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's ongoing budget reduction process, which was initiated last spring when the Legislature ordered cuts in UNL's budget of 2 percent this year and 1 percent next year.

Proposals submitted by the chancellor's office to the Budget Reduction Review Committee to meet the cuts included the elimination of the Teachers College's coaching endorsement program and the temporary elimination of funding for the proposed College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Charles Anson, chairman of the school of health, physical education and recreation, argued that savings from cutting the coaching endorsement program would be less than the \$15,400 outlined in the chancellor's proposals.

"If we take into consideration the loss of tuition from other courses which are required for the 150-175 students in the endorsement, there is going to be a loss of about \$40,000 in tuition," he said.

Larry Lusk, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, presented a proposal to the BRRC regarding the proposed College of Fine and Performing Arts.

The chancellor's budget-cutting proposals recommended eliminating \$150,000 in funding for the college until it is approved by the new Nebraska Coordinating Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

Lusk said the proposal had led some to the incorrect conclusion that the college had been slated for permanent cutting.

He requested that the chancellor immediately communicate to the coordinating commission that the temporary removal of funding was not intended to undermine the college.

Funding for Beadle Center approved by House

By Kara Morrison
Staff Reporter

Approval by the U.S. House of Representatives has brought a University of Nebraska-Lincoln biological research facility a step closer to completion.

The House approved the Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report, which includes \$4.5 million of funding necessary to begin construction on UNL's proposed George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research.

Rep. Doug Bereuter, R-Neb., urged the House to approve the report in a statement Tuesday.

About \$17.9 million in federal funds had been appropriated for the facility, Bereuter said. The approval of \$4.5 million more in federal funding, combined with state and matching funds, brings the total project funding to \$30.9 million, he said.

The \$4.5 million in funding will enable the university to provide for each of the three units — biotechnology, biochemistry and chemical en-

gineering — that give the project its uniqueness and effectiveness, Bereuter said.

Marion O'Leary, director of the UNL Center for Biological Chemistry, said he is "delighted" about the progress in funding for a project that will benefit the university and the state of Nebraska.

The project, which has been in the planning stages for three years, is unique in the United States because three groups of scientists will be working together, O'Leary said.

Together, chemical engineers will be able to make the discoveries of biochemists and biotechnologists practical, he said.

The Beadle center, which will house labs "among the finest anywhere," is also expected to spark interest in undergraduate and graduate programs at UNL, O'Leary said.

Before construction on the center begins, President Bush must sign the bill to finalize funding, but O'Leary is optimistic.

Negotiations will then take place

with the Department of Agriculture, a step that O'Leary said he is expecting to be "casual."

Floor plans for the Beadle center are proceeding to detailed stages and will be ready for presentation to the NU Board of Regents in December, O'Leary said.

If everything goes on schedule, he said, ground will be broken for the center next summer.

O'Leary contributes much of the

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ASUN president opposes budget bill

Senate to study action on ROTC legislation

By Adeana Leftin
Senior Reporter

Horizontal budget cuts would do more damage to the university than the currently proposed vertical cuts, the ASUN president said Tuesday.

Andy Massey, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he opposed legislation proposed by some ASUN senators calling for horizontal cuts instead of vertical cuts.

The cuts are a result of a Nebraska Legislature mandate last spring that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln must cut 2 percent from its

budget this year and 1 percent from next year's budget.

In September, vice chancellors recommended vertical cuts in their departments to the Budget Reduction Review Committee. The committee began to hear responses to the cuts from affected departments Tuesday.

In November, the BRRC will forward budget-cutting recommendations to the Academic Planning Committee, an advisory committee

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