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APC vote saves tenured faculty positions from ax

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

Following budget hearings Thursday, the Academic Planning Committee voted that it would not recommend the elimination of any tenured faculty positions in its budget reduction recommendations.

The APC motion, offered by Desmond Wheeler, professor of chemistry, also stated that a high priority will be given to gender equality in evaluating programs.

Proposed budget cuts, prompted by a mandated 3 percent cut to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's budget over the next two years, are currently being reviewed by the Budget Reduction Review Committee. It will present its recommendations on cuts to the APC in November.

Under the proposed cuts, the classics and speech communication departments are slated for elimination.

APC chairman Thomas Zorn said the resolution does not mean the committee was rejecting vertical cuts.

"The committee was just indicating its commitment to these two goals,"

he said. "My understanding is that should a department or program be cut, the tenured faculty and gender equality will somehow have to be addressed in specific recommendations."

"Certainly the committee intends to look very heavily at any cuts where tenured faculty or gender equality is at stake."

"This should be some comfort to some faculty," Zorn said.

Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, who proposed the cuts, said the motion has "a lot of ramifications on academic affairs."

"That constraint on decision-making was not there when I was making my recommendations. If that was there, I might have made totally different recommendations," he said.

Liberty said the decision by APC completely changes the budget figures involved in the recommended cuts.

"The whole playing field is tilted," he said.

Both Liberty and Zorn emphasized that while the criteria for evaluation has changed, the BRRC hearings will go on as scheduled.

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Winter break study-tour program deadline nears

By Wendy Mott
Staff Reporter

International study tours over semester break are well worth the expense, tour leaders said.

Christa Joy, program coordinator for International Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said six study-tour programs are offered for the 1991 semester break.

The tours leave Dec. 26 and return Jan. 12. The costs of the tours vary, averaging around \$2,000. Students receiving the available credit hours must pay additional tuition costs.

The \$2,000 includes air fare, inter-

continental travel, hotel accommodations and some meals, Joy said. Additional incidental expenses average \$500, she said, but depend on the frugality of the student.

Joy said she realizes the price ranges of the tours might inhibit some students, but added that the groups work to keep costs as low as possible through group rates and by staying in student dormitories when available.

Study tours available include the traditional language and culture tours to Germany and Mexico, as well as

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Correction: A letter by Michael DiMuzio in Thursday's DN was edited to give an incorrect cost for the B-2 bomber. The cost should have been \$750 million.

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Shaun Sartir/DN

NU President Martin Massengale speaks to members of the Lincoln Chamber of Congress about the UNL budget-cutting process during a luncheon Wednesday at the University Club.

Massengale backs process Budget-cutting method valid, NU president says

By Wendy Navratil
Senior Reporter

In the wake of widespread controversy over the UNL budget-cutting process, NU President Martin Massengale expressed faith in its propriety.

At a luncheon Thursday with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Massengale said NU general counsel Richard Wood issued an opinion supporting the validity of the UNL budget-cutting procedures, and that those procedures should be followed.

"The process is in place. We need to follow it," Massengale said.

Procedures for reducing the UNL budget were established following a mandate by the Nebraska Legislature that UNL cut its budget by 2 percent this year and 1 percent next year. The other three NU campuses also have faced budget cuts.

Both the proposed cuts and the procedures guiding the UNL budget-reduction process have been met with protests from faculty and students.

"Obviously, any time there's a reduction budget, something's got

to go," Massengale said. "At UNL, it's a more elaborate process in some ways — UNL is the only one (of the four NU campuses) proposing to eliminate departments."

Proposed cuts at UNL include the elimination of the classics and speech communication departments. Accompanying those department cuts would be the termination of faculty, some of whom have tenure.

"It's never easy. It's important to have good dialogue between

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ASUN president says name won't change

By Adeana Lettini
Senior Reporter

Despite pressure from the University of Nebraska at Omaha student senate to change the name of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, ASUN President Andy Massey said he has other things to be concerned about.

Massey said he had no plans to address the name-change situation.

"Not in the near future," he said, "until someone changes my mind about the whole thing."

UNO's student senate unanimously

voted Oct. 3 to give Mark Vanevenhoven, director of UNO's Council for Community and Legislative Relations, the authority to demand that ASUN either allow UNO to join or change its name.

Vanevenhoven said ASUN's name connotes that UNL's student government represents the students of all bodies of the NU system. The UNO senate resolution recommended changing ASUN's name to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

"If you guys (ASUN) are going to represent Lincoln students, then that's

what the name should be," he said. Massey said he didn't see a problem with the name.

"No one in our organization makes a statement that we represent all of the university system," he said. "I don't see a problem as long as we understand we represent Lincoln, and we do. We make no efforts to represent Omaha."

Vanevenhoven said he would like some representation from ASUN. He said he would prefer to be a part of the organization instead of ASUN changing its name.

Because of UNL's location, Va-

nevenhoven said, ASUN has an advantage in lobbying the Nebraska Legislature. If UNO's Council for Community and Legislative Relations became a part of ASUN, UNO opinions could have the same opportunities, he said.

"We want legislative representation," Vanevenhoven said, "and the more we can get, the better."

He said the student senate at the University of Nebraska at Kearney also supported membership or a name change.

Massey said he thinks CCLR's demands are related to controversy

about whether UNO should be called the University of Nebraska at Omaha, as now, or the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

"If you say UNO or UN at O or UN (hyphen) O," Massey said, "everybody pretty much knows what you're talking about."

Vanevenhoven said that if he doesn't hear from Massey by CCLR's Oct. 17 meeting, the UNO senate will direct him further. The first step would be to request ASUN to change its name.

If that fails, Vanevenhoven said he would contact legal counsel.