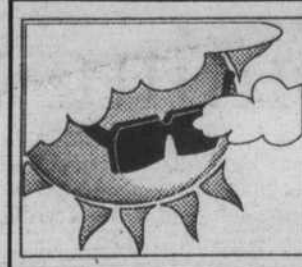


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Official says events protect tenured faculty

By Wendy Navratil
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Committee assigns priority to gender equity

Three developments emerging from the Budget Reduction Review Committee hearings last week cast a brighter glow on the budget-cutting process, an official said.

Thomas Zorn, chairman of the Budget Reduction Review Committee and the Academic Planning Committee, said the APC explicitly committed itself last week to preserving tenured faculty positions and to avoiding the loss of faculty currently in tenure-leading positions at UNL.



The APC also assigned high priority to UNL's goals and commitments to gender equity in the resolution.

"A number of committee members stressed that it was important to indicate the committee's strong commitment to tenure and gender equity, in part, I think, because of the widespread perception that these were being ignored," Zorn said.

Some departments may still be cut, Zorn said. In any case, protecting tenure and gender equity goals may make it more difficult to formulate recommendations for incoming UNL chancellor Graham Spanier to consider in December, he said.

"It may mean moving tenured faculty to another department, or it may mean changing the structure of the department, or leaving the department as it is," Zorn said. "We haven't acted on specifics yet."

Zorn said the APC also considered a suggestion from the BRRC to communicate to the UNL chancellor that the speech communication department was no longer being considered for elimination.

"The APC has not as yet taken action," Zorn said. "There is a pending motion close to that in language, but it has not been acted on. The committee has indicated that it in-

tends to further deliberate on that this week."

Zorn said the BRRC suggestion was significant, but it would only affect one department, even if the APC decided to adopt it.

A decision with broader impact is the APC's positive response to a request by the Academic Senate that more hard budget data be gathered for the UNL colleges to examine.

"We had already requested that the vice chancellors provide us with more details on the budget and other impacts of the budget cuts," Zorn said. "What (the Academic Senate) wanted was for the various college

committees to have time to respond to the various cuts."

Zorn said the Academic Senate resolution allotted four weeks for the college committees to respond once the hard budget data was supplied. But the APC did not set a specific time period in its requests to the vice chancellors, he said.

"How all of this affects the ultimate time line is a little problematic," he said. "How long the process will be delayed is unclear."

Zorn said that although the hearings would not be delayed, the college committees would be given a chance to respond to the hard budget data after they have assessed it.

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Proposed cuts resisted on grounds of fairness

Counseling, home economics officials defend programs

By Jean Lass
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In budget hearings Friday, officials from the Counseling Center and the College of Home Economics told the Budget Reduction Review Committee that cuts in their programs would hurt gender equality and racial minorities.

The hearings are part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's budget reduction process, initiated last spring when the Nebraska Legislature mandated that UNL cut its budget by 3 percent over the next two years.

Proposed budget cuts in the College of Home Economics amount to one-fifth of its budget, or 17.6 percent.

Joan Laughlin, associate dean of the home economics college, said a statement that the proposed budget cuts are "gender neutral" to faculty, students and staff, made by Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, is inaccurate.

"The home economics college serves primarily female students, and most of the faculty are women," Laughlin said. "Saying that the budget cuts are gender neutral doesn't make it so."

Proposed cuts in the home economics college stem from "inherent unrecognized biases of people who made the recommendations," Laughlin said.

Laughlin said officials who proposed the cuts said they were made on the basis of two criteria: quality of the program and centrality to the processes of UNL.

Budget officials fail to see women's contributions as central to the university's mission, she said.

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Michelle Paulman/DN

Brian Mary, a senior art major, leads a protest march for hemp legalization down Centennial Mall to the State Capitol, while Scott Kolb (center) and David Splichal, both of Lincoln, carry a large joint that Mary made in a sculpture class.

Proponent espouses hemp values at rally

By Wendy Mott
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Proponents of marijuana legalization displayed tie-dyed banners of marijuana and a figure of a smoking joint at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Brodyhill Plaza on Friday.

Members of National HEMP, Help End Marijuana Prohibition, joined UNL student members of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in sponsoring the rally that drew about 250 people.

Coordinators of the rally said their goal was to teach students about the benefits of legalizing hemp, the marijuana-producing plant.

Scott Fuglei, a freshman philosophy major

and the co-coordinator of UNL's HEMP-NORML organization, said the short-term goal of the rally and the benefit concern that followed was to raise money for the organization. The group's long-term goal, he said, is to "enlighten minds."

Jack Herer, author of "The Emperor Wears No Clothes" and a hemp-legalizing activist, was the key speaker at the rally.

Herer said the most important point of the rally was to show the world the benefits of hemp and the fallacy of outlawing it.

"The U.S. government is the most fascist pig in the world for outlawing marijuana," Herer said.

The plant is a viable alternative fuel source to fossil fuels, which, he said, "do nothing for the human race except end it."

If hemp was legal, Herer said, "Nebraska could provide enough fuel for America." Hemp could completely replace fossil fuels using only 35 to 40 acres of land, he said.

He said people who smoke marijuana live longer, healthier lives than those who don't, citing U.S. Department of Health studies.

"You have to be a damn idiot not to smoke pot," Herer said.

Juan Gonzales, a senior secondary education major who attended the rally, disagreed with Herer's statements, saying that he thought the information was inaccurate.

"These people are living in a fantasy world," Gonzales said. "They are so care-free about smoking pot, but there's more to it than that."

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UNL budget troubling, Nelson says

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
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He received his undergraduate, master's and law degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and taught there for four years.

That background hasn't made decisions regarding UNL's budget easy for Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson.

"It's definitely a struggle," he said.

"A struggle of principle and expectations and vision and reality."

Nelson said economic realities have been hard on all state agencies.

"At least in the case of the university — for whatever it's worth — it's more (funding) than they've gotten in the past, but not what they needed or expected in their own judgment."

To meet reduced funding levels, the Legislature has ordered UNL to cut its budget by 3 percent over the next two years.

Nelson said he has been following the budget-reduction process but

doesn't believe he should involve himself directly in it.



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doesn't believe he should involve himself directly in it.

"I don't think it's appropriate for me to try and step in and somehow micro-manage," he said. "We've got the (NU) Board of Regents plus we have the new post-secondary coordinating commission to begin to deal with that and to help resolve these areas of contention in the process."

But his lack of direct involvement does not mean he thinks the process is unimportant, he said.

"It's not as though I'm disinterested or detached. It's just that I don't think I should micro-manage."

Nelson said he thinks the budget-reduction process is helping UNL determine what its priorities are.

"I've always operated under the approach — and I really believe it's accurate — if everything is a priority, then nothing is."

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