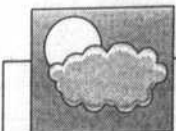




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Professors raise agenda concerns

By Kara G. Morrison
Senior Reporter

Most faculty and staff who attended a forum on the university's long-range goals Tuesday were there only to listen.

Two UNL faculty members, however, questioned the wording of a passage on foreign teachers and a lack of specifics in the document that maps out the university's future.

About 100 people attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Vision Statement and Strategic Agenda forum Tuesday in the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

No students spoke at the public forum.

Chancellor Graham Spanier and members of the UNL Academic Planning Committee answered questions about the list of goals, which the university hopes to complete by the year 2000.

The list of more than 50 goals includes implementing a general education curriculum, expanding technological capabilities, increasing awards for excellent teaching, providing more research opportunities, developing the university's outreach program and making the campus "more worker- and user-friendly."

Khalid Sayood, an electrical engineering professor and chairman of the Advisory Committee on International Student Affairs, told Spanier he was disappointed that the plan's only reference to foreign students was "in a somewhat negative context."

According to the vision statement, the university will "adhere to a policy that graduate students whose native language is other than English will be permitted to teach only after they have been tested and certified as proficient in teach-



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Graham Spanier talks with David Keith (left), professor of entomology, and Khalid Sayood, professor of electrical engineering, before an open forum with faculty and students in the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

ing and in the English language."

Sayood said that instead of focusing negatively on foreign students, the university needed to recognize them.

He recommended the wording be changed to "the university will ensure all instructional staff are confident in their classroom and communication abilities."

Spanier said the statement reflected a policy that was already in place and working at UNL. The statement was included, he said,

because university officials on state-wide tours were being told prospective students were afraid they wouldn't be able to understand their teachers at UNL.

"We continue to receive reports that that is still an issue at the university," Spanier said.

Spanier said the phrase may be reworked to be more balanced, but he said it was important that the university be responsive to Nebraskans who had aired their concerns.

"We need to be very positive

about the international focus at the university," Spanier said. "On the other hand, we can't ignore concerns around the state about proficiency."

Sayood later said he was confident that the passage would be rewritten.

"I'm sure that it was an oversight and sure I can't believe they will leave it that way," he said.

Pill-Soon Song, chairman of the

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Fraternity sanctions delayed by dispute

By Angie Brunkow
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Disagreements about the wording of sanctions against Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity have made implementation slow-going.

Fiji national officers have requested that some of the sanctions be rewritten to show they were suggested by the officers.

In the meantime, James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said some progress had been made on the sanction to install a resident assistant in the house, but no one had been hired yet.

Fiji members are on social probation, but Joe Friedman, graduate trustee chairman for the chapter, said they hadn't had time yet to begin other sanctions like community service, alcohol education or membership interviews.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Judicial Board created the sanctions in December after Fiji pledge Jeffrey Knoll fell from a third-story window of the house. The Judicial Board ruled that hazing was involved in the fall.

The sanctions allowed the fraternity to remain on campus if a residence assistant lived in the house and chapter alumni reduced house membership to a core group of quality undergraduates.

Griesen said recognizing who proposed the sanction was unimportant to him as long as the overall sanctions were implemented.

"We're not going to quibble," he said.

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Sen. Kerrey endorses universal health care coverage

By Matthew Waite
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Increasing incomes and expanding education are key to Americans affording health care costs, said U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey Tuesday.

Kerrey, who spoke to a crowd of 563 health care professionals in the East Campus Union, endorsed universal health care coverage for all citizens, as long as they can pay for it.

Kerrey was the keynote speaker for the Lincoln-Lancaster Board of Health Annual Meeting.

Often credited for bringing universal health care to the national spot-

light, Kerrey said America would end

up with a regulatory system if Americans did not purchase health care on their own.

Although he said health care was only a problem for low-income Americans who don't have

money to pay the bills, Kerrey endorsed universal

coverage for all U.S. citizens and the elimination of the process of proving

one's age and income.

The most important part of health care, he said, was that people be treated like human beings.

"The problem that I observe today in health care is that the providers or the patients don't know the costs of health care," Kerrey said. He said it was very important Americans faced the costs of health care directly.

For example, \$450 billion of federal tax money went into existing health care programs, he said, along with \$150 billion in state and local tax money.

This money came from a 3 percent

mandated tax on 117 million employed Americans.

Kerrey said 30 cents of every federal tax dollar already went into existing health care programs.

He tentatively supported President Bill Clinton's proposals for health care, saying there were sections he disagreed with, but that it was a step in the right direction.

Dr. Mimi Fields, a Washington State Health Care Officer, called Nebraska a leader in public health care, moving forward with great progress.

Improving public health is not the focus of the current health care de-

bate, Fields said, but changing the financing of health care.

Public health, Fields said, was a more broad-based issue. She said it encompassed issues like violence and mental well-being.

She said the future of public health was changing.

"No sector of public health is looking to the future as business as usual," Fields said.

The answers to America's health woes would not come easily, she said.

"I don't believe there is a single answer of how something should work."

Solution to parking problem headed in UNL's direction

Plan creating spaces could reduce crunch

By Ann Stack
Staff Reporter

A new parking system may soon find its way to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, creating more spaces and reducing internal campus traffic.

On Tuesday, the Academic Senate listened to a proposal from Kim Todd, a member of the parking advisory board. She proposed to convert UNL to sector parking.

Sectoring parking spaces would divide the campus into areas based on where people were located, Todd said. For instance, people working in the union would park near the union.

The board hasn't yet decided how parking would be allotted, but spaces could be created

by eliminating reserved spots.

Sectoring also should limit the amount of driving across campus, Todd said, because people would be able to park in the sector closest to where they lived or worked.

However, she said, staff and faculty lots would remain separate from student lots, and permit costs could increase. Lots would also be re-numbered.

Another way to increase parking spaces would be the addition of a parking garage.

Todd said the Parking Advisory Board was still in the process of planning a garage, and several locations were being considered. East of the Nebraska Union and west of Memorial Stadium are two possible locations.

In other business, the senate was briefed on the hiring of a professional advertising manager for the Daily Nebraskan advertising depart-

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New shuttle favors commuters, students

By Rebecca Oltmans
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A new 28-passenger shuttle bus is one of several ways UNL officials are trying to make commuting to campus a little easier this semester.

The new bus and an extension of existing shuttle service times will help carry more passengers, including students and visitors to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Tad McDowell, manager of parking services, said.

McDowell said shuttle hours, extended to 11:30 p.m. on the inner campus, would accommodate students who studied late at Love Library or the Nebraska Union.

The new route also will be quicker, McDowell

said. The shuttle path will now travel south on 14th Street from Avery Avenue to Vine Street.

Anyone wishing to take the shuttle to any of the perimeter lots after 7 p.m. can still do so upon request, McDowell said.

For students not taking shuttle buses, finding a metered spot closer to campus may be more difficult.

Several parking meters on City Campus have had their maximum time limits decreased, including meters east of the Nebraska Union. Some time limits on meters have been reduced from two hours to 15 to 30 minutes.

McDowell said decreasing the meters' time limits would help those going to the Nebraska Union for a short amount of time.

Keith Benes, ASUN president, said he was concerned about the loss of the two-hour meters because many students used the spaces for class parking rather than short trips in and out of

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