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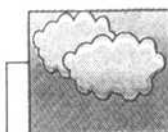


Sports

Running Again

Nebraska's Kate Galligan has returned to action after a knee injury ended her 1992-93 season.

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Today, partly cloudy with bitterly cold wind chills.

Academic senate votes down minus system

40-point grade scale was not considered

By Angie Brunkow
Senior Reporter

After tabling a vote on a 40-point decimal grading system, Academic Senate members decided Tuesday that adding minuses to UNL's course grading system wasn't a plus.

After more than two hours of discussion, the senate voted down the proposal to add minuses to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's grading system, which currently includes letter grades and pluses.

By tabling the decimal system, which would have allowed instructors to choose from 40 possible categories to evaluate course work, Academic Senate President Sally Wise said senators indicated they didn't want to consider the proposal any time in the future.

"I think it's a sign (faculty members) haven't found anything else," Wise said at the meeting.

The minus-system proposal, amended to include an A+ and exclude a D-, was voted down 25-22.

James Ford, who proposed the minus system, said he wasn't sure what he planned to do with the proposal now.

Ford said he would consider bringing the issue to a mail ballot. The faculty assembly, which meets twice a year, must approve such a ballot.

Trent Steele, ASUN first vice president, said the decision was a victory for students.

"The students have a right to breathe a collective sigh of relief," he said.

Steele and Doug Oxley, a graduate senator for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, voiced student opposition to changing the grading system at the meeting.

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William Lauer/DN

Sally Wise, Academic Senate president, counts hand votes during Tuesday's meeting. Hand voting was necessary because spectators voiced their sentiments during oral votes.

Engineering college questions dominate budget hearing

By Kara G. Morrison
Senior Reporter

Senators had more questions about the possible creation of an engineering college at UNO than about actual budget requests Tuesday at the university's midbiennium budget request hearing.

University of Nebraska President Martin Massengale, Regent Chairman Charles Wilson and all four chancellors of the university system presented their informal deficit budget requests to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Scott Moore of Seward, the chairman of the committee, asked Del Weber, chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, why he had never mentioned to the Legislature that

UNO's engineering program had problems.

"How come, if this was such a burr under the saddle, we've never heard a peep about it?" Moore said. "I can't address something I don't know anything about."

Weber said Omaha faculty and businessmen had been telling him for 17 years the engineering college needed to be returned to the UNO campus. Weber said he had always told them he didn't think a new college

would be politically or financially feasible. "It was not my job to advocate an engineering college," Weber said. "When it wasn't happening, I finally had to."

Weber said he did not take a position on the issue until the debate was in full swing. Then, he said, he had to agree or disagree.

"I chose to take the position I took," Weber said.

Sen. Brad Ashford of Omaha said he was disturbed by statements made by Wilson and UNL Engineering and Technology Dean Stan Liberty questioning the push by Omaha business leaders, regents and senators for a new UNO engineering college.

Ashford quoted Liberty as saying, "The Omaha delegation has muddied the waters" with their public support of the new college.

"We weren't muddying any waters," Ashford said. "If any waters have been muddied it is by the engineering department over the last six

years."

Ashford said UNO's engineering needs were being "inadequately served."

Wilson said he was merely asking everyone to keep somewhat of an open mind until the independent panel studying the issue was able to present its findings, which Wilson expects in the next month or two.

"The process is in place that should bring us an analysis as to what the state's needs are," Wilson said.

Sen. David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte said if Omaha could get a new college because its needs weren't being met, colleges in the western part of the state "should be booming."

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Push for new hiring practices persists

Hispanic faculty, staff show support for MASA boycott

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

Despite a meeting with UNL administrators Tuesday, MASA said it would continue its boycott of the Office of Multicultural Affairs until the office changed its hiring practices.

The Mexican American Student Association began the boycott last Friday after charging the office with unfair hiring procedures that favored blacks.

Of the 1,188 minority students at the university, 41 percent are black, 29 percent are Hispanic, 23 percent are Asian American and 7 percent are American Indians.

Of the six full-time staff members in the office, two are Hispanic.

Cathy Maestas, MASA president, said a meeting Tuesday morning gen-

erated support for the boycott from University of Nebraska-Lincoln Hispanic faculty and staff members.

"They realize the problem and they're in this too," she said.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen attended the meeting.

"Spanier is very concerned," Maestas said, "but we still need to see the commitment. We've had a voiced response, but we need to have a matter of trust."

Maestas said administrators had lied to MASA in the past.

"They deceived us," she said. "We heard the words, now we need to see the action."

Maestas said the administration told her they addressed the problem and were making strides to correct it.

"They say their directors have been using diverse hiring practices, but when you look at who's been hired, it doesn't show that," she said.

Griesen said MASA presented him with a statement of concerns at the

meeting. "The group expressed concern about the Office of Multicultural Affairs and that it isn't as supportive of Chicano students as it should be," he said.

Griesen said there were no Latino or Chicano deans or administrators. He also said there was a dismal number of Latino and Chicano faculty and staff members.

"(MASA) would like to see more control in the hands of Chicanos/Latinos," Griesen said.

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Deans visit York, Seward for input on college goals

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

Deans from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln met with citizens of Seward and York Tuesday during another stop in the statewide tour.

The tour, which began last fall, serves to gather input from Nebraska communities on the Vision Statement—long-range goals and plans for the university.

Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture, and Don Edwards, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, fielded questions from high school students and community leaders.

The tour began at Seward High School where students in vocational education classes questioned the deans about UNL classes.

"Don't be afraid to knock on doors," Edwards said.

Edwards said practical experience was the best experience students could receive. He told the students when he was in college his grades were close to academic probation. If it wasn't for the experience gained in an internship, Edwards said, things would have been different.

"When you are on the job ... the experience comes alive," he said. "If it weren't for that, I wouldn't have graduated from college."

Steward told the 16 students in an architecture and mechanical drawing class that architects didn't get paid much because they loved their jobs.

"It's a good professional living, but it's not one that you are going to

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