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ASUN passes bill to change UPC structure

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A bill that would give ASUN control over the appointments of the UPC executive board and make student government accountable for the actions of UPC was passed by a three-fourths vote Wednesday night.



More than 70 people attended the open forum at the meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's meeting to protest an amendment to the change in their bylaws.

The amendment, approved by a 26-8 vote, would give ASUN the power to appoint UPC executive board members, including president, vice president, programming secretary, secretary, financial manager and public relations.

The NU Board of Regents has established that ASUN may not distribute Fund A monies to individuals, groups or organizations that are not established by and under the control of the student government body, the bill says.

According to the bill, because UPC receives Fund A monies, ASUN should have direct control over the program council.

Charles Hamilton, a graduate senator, said finding accountability for the actions of UPC was one of the main issues of the bill.

"If this is about nothing else, this is about accountability. We can be held accountable for the \$100,000 that we give them, yet we have no control," Hamilton said.

Kim Spurlock, next year's UPC events director, said the senate should be concerned about its own organization.

"Be concerned about your own organization before you go jumping on the UPC's back. The UPC has come a long way in the last few years; you need to give them the chance to show that they have," Spurlock said.

Travis Fox, a former UPC executive, said the bill was rushed because ASUN didn't give UPC notice of it until Monday night.

Robert Anderson, a senior at UNL, agreed with Fox that the bill had been rushed.

Anderson said there were other ways to make UPC accountable, but ASUN needed to talk with UPC before passing the bill.

"There are ways to make UPC accountable, but not in one night. This was also done during dead week. If you want to make the UPC accountable, there are other options. Why don't you talk to the UPC?" Anderson said.

Dave Milligan, speaker of the senate and one of the writers of the bill, said it was important to pass the bill now because if ASUN did not follow the bylaws, the NU Board of Regents could take away ASUN's right to distribute Fund A monies.

"It's assumed that the Board of Regents will continue to give us money to keep giving the students the programs, but the money is not on solid ground. The Board of Regents could take it away from us," Milligan said.



Brian Holtzen is a 7-year-old with cerebral palsy. His success in Hawthorne Elementary School's inclusion program is an example of how the program is helping some students overcome the stigma of having disabilities. See story on Page 3.

Damon Lee/DN

Some criticize architecture proposal

College may require students to purchase their own computers

By Matthew Waite
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A proposed policy to require architecture students to buy their own computers drew criticism Wednesday from unexpected sources: business people and students outside the college.

Doug Stobbe, Government Liaison Committee chairman, said the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska opposed any kind of unnecessary burden on students.

"It seems almost discriminatory to students who can't afford a computer," he said. "To add the price of a computer, it could be detrimental to some architecture students."

The policy would require third-year architecture and interior design students and first-year community and regional planning students to spend an estimated \$2,500 to \$3,000 on a personal computer. The students also would be required to purchase software through the college.

The draft plan has an implementation date set for the fall of 1994.

Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture, said Wednesday during an all-college meeting that the policy was a matter of competi-

tiveness.

"This is about excellence," he said. "This is about a competitive access to a limited job market."

Steward said discussion about a proposal to require students to purchase computers had been going on for nearly two years. He said faculty in the college were concerned that professionals were using computers, and the college was not teaching with computers.

"The world is moving faster than we are," he said. "It's not a matter of catching up; it's a matter of staying ahead."

"Either you lead, or you get out of the way of the parade."

Criticisms that the policy was to be imposed on students, that it was elitist and that it would discourage students from coming to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln were all wrong, Steward said.

"This policy is not a done deal," he said. "The goal of this process is to ensure access (to a computer) to each ... student in this college."

Steward said the cost of the computer would be included when a student applied for financial aid. He said the college also would negotiate with vendors to keep costs low.

In the meeting, Stobbe said the plan was another burden on the students in the college.

"Architecture students are being handed another user fee with little choice but to pay for it," he said. "It's unfortunate that the college must resort to these means."

Steward said he was as concerned about user fees as ASUN was. But, he said, the plan was a reflection on an already occurring trend.

"The evidence I have says ... most of the architects that see themselves as sustainable enterprises are well into computers," he said. "The evidence is not uniform, but the leading edge of what is coming is clear."

A businessman from an area architectural firm asked the dean about safety in having students carry expensive computer equipment through campus.

"I wouldn't want my daughter to carry \$3,000 through campus," he said.

Steward said it was silly to criticize the plan with things that couldn't be controlled, such as crime and vandalism.

"We can hide under a bush, or we can be part of the world," Steward said.

The businessman asked why the burden was being put solely on the students in the College of Architecture.

"Why don't all student fees go up?" he asked. "Why don't all students pay for this?"

Brito Mutunayagam, a professor of community and regional planning, said not all details had been worked out, and the college would not move until they had.

Many things, Mutunayagam said, including electrical surge protection for the equipment and additional electrical wiring, had to be in place before the program would start.

"This is not a fly-by-night operation," he said.

Five U.S. presidents attend Nixon's funeral

Richard M. Nixon, 1913-1994

• Former President Richard Nixon was buried Wednesday at the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace next to his wife, Pat, who died last year.

• Eulogists included President Clinton, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and California Gov. Pete Wilson. The Rev. Billy Graham officiated.

• Also in attendance were former Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush.



YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — Richard M. Nixon completed his life's journey Wednesday, honored in death by five other American presidents.

President Clinton said his achievements overshadowed humiliation and added: "May the day of judging President Nixon on anything but his entire life come to a close."

Twenty years after he resigned the presidency in disgrace, Nixon was bidden farewell by 2,800 mourners who gathered under leaden skies at an outdoor funeral 100 feet from the home where he was born 81 years ago.

Henry Kissinger, Nixon's secretary of state, turned to the casket and saluted his former boss with a nod of the head before delivering an emotional eulogy. Senate Minority Leader

Bob Dole broke into tears after praising Nixon as "the most durable public figure of our time."

One last time, Nixon was saluted by "Hail to the Chief," the trumpet herald that announced him so often during his troubled presidency.

Nixon's successors, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush all attended the funeral with their wives.

There were only veiled mentions of the Watergate scandal in the eulogies. Instead, the speakers focused on Nixon's foreign policy successes and his dogged triumphs over adversity.

"In the conduct of foreign policy, Richard Nixon was one of the seminal presidents," Kissinger said. He praised Nixon for opening relations with China and pursuing arms negotia-

tions with the Soviet Union even while he was dogged by the Watergate scandal.

"Richard Nixon would be so proud that President Clinton and all living former presidents of the United States are here, symbolizing that his long and sometimes bitter journey has concluded in reconciliation," Kissinger said.

"He achieved greatly, and he suffered deeply, but he never gave up," Kissinger said.

And Dole said, "He was a boy who heard the train whistle in the night and dreamed of all the distant places that lay at the end of the track. How American!"

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