

Tuition

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additional faculty.

Other money would be allocated to priorities set by NU President Dennis Smith and the chancellors of the four universities.

Haack said that under a new system Smith created, all tuition revenue and other income were no longer for the individual campuses but for all four campuses.

In an April meeting before the NU Board of Regents, Smith outlined his changes in the way the NU budget was created and how resources would be allocated. Smith said the changes were in agreement with his concept of the "one university" system.

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I'm still hoping for the old Powerball to come in.

—Tharnish sophomore chemical engineering student

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Haack said Smith and the four university chancellors would allocate all resources to the individual campuses on a priority basis.

"All the resources were put in the middle of the table, and then they were divided," Haack said. "Where they went (from there) was a moot point."

"It is a different process, and we will have to get used to it. It will iron out some of the problems we've had before (with budget shortfalls)."

In the new system, Haack said, one campus would not benefit more than others year after year, and one campus would not suffer more year after year.

Smith also set aside a \$750,000 fund from allocations to protect campuses against budget shortfalls, Haack said.

That money will be allocated to campuses with priority needs if it is not used to cover revenue shortfalls, he said.

Halls

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Michael Hager, University of Nebraska-Lincoln housing director, said enrollment in the residence halls was at a 10-year high.

Students reserved more than 4,700 spaces in the halls last year, he said. This year, students reserved more than 5,000 spaces, and the housing department turned away more than 100 upperclassmen.

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It's just more convenient. You're close to campus, and you have everything you need.

—Brannagan, senior art major

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One upperclassman who found a spot was Paul Erickson, a junior advertising major. Erickson lived in the residence halls his first two years at UNL, then moved off campus.

Erickson said he came back this year because he was sick of his apartment and his landlord. He now has his own room and gets a reduced returning student rate.

The housing department's push to attract upperclassmen to the residence halls also brought back Russ Brannagan, a senior art major. Brannagan moved out of the halls and found an apartment during the summer that was just seven blocks from campus. He left that apartment last week.

"It's just more convenient (to stay in the halls)," he said. "You're close to campus, and you have everything you need."

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