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# Input sought about UNL Diversity Plan

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Moeser appointed Jacobson; Linda Crump, director of affirmative action and diversity programs; and Bruce Currin, director of human resources, to gather information and write a plan.

It's a culmination of months of research and discussion with several groups from campus, Jacobson said.

Jacobson said she hopes many students, faculty members and staff will respond to the request for comments.

"We obviously have not talked to the whole campus," Jacobson said.

A campus representative, student government senator Rachelle Winkle, said the new plan was comprehensive.

"This gives an actual plan of what the strategy will be," Winkle said.

Eddie Brown, student government second vice president and undergraduate assistant for multicultural recruitment, said he was impressed with specific parts of the plan, but said other parts need to be expanded.

Brown said that a proposed expansion of ombudsman services on campus would be a positive addition.

An ombudsman would be appointed to listen to complaints related to discrimination on campus or violations of the faculty code of

ethics.

"A lot of what makes the university look bad is how they respond to discriminatory events on campus, or how they do not respond," Brown said. "I think they really need to zone in on that."

Brown said he looks forward to future action that will speak louder than the plan's words.

"We for so long hear a lot of rhetoric and haven't seen any action," he said. "I think this is a start to that action."

Faculty members, staff and students can comment on the plan by sending e-mail, calling or writing to Jacobson, Crump or Currin.

Comments will be taken until Nov. 15. The chancellor's committee will then consider the feedback they received. After that, they will re-evaluate the entire plan and discuss it with the chancellor, Jacobson said.

While efforts will be made to affirm specific parts, a diversity plan is always an unfinished work, Jacobson said.

"A plan like this is something that will never be completed," she said. "It has to be constantly re-evaluated and assessed."

The plan is posted at <http://www.unl.edu/svcaa/Activities/DiversityPlan.html>.

# Anthropology department feels effects of repatriation

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"I think it's been an incredible educational opportunity for students to see the politics of indigenous rights in action," Hitchcock said.

Anthropology professor Peter Bleed said just discussing the issues that have come from the efforts will be good for students.

Martha McCollough, assistant anthropology professor, said students have been taught that they need to be ethical when doing research and that there are consequences if they aren't.

Anthropology students have not reacted negatively to the attention that has been given to the department, McCollough said.

She said it seems the students are pleased that the university is "on the morally correct side of the issue."

Senior anthropology major Regina Thunder Hawk said anthropology students need to be educated to respect the American Indian community and its needs.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is working on a resolution that would incorporate concerns about the impact repatriation efforts have had on the department, said Andy Schuerman, human rights committee chairman.

"It has the possibility of taking (professors') minds off of their teaching," Schuerman said.

It could have an effect on the recruitment of students for the department as well, Hitchcock said.

"I've had people call up and say 'If I come here what would that mean for my career?'" he said.

Hitchcock said the department is aware of the impact it has had on students.

"I honestly feel there are certain risks here, and I think some students are

uncomfortable with it," Hitchcock said.

Thunder Hawk said communication within the department could be improved.

"There's not really a dialogue open in the department to discuss what's going on," she said.

Bleed said the department's reputation does not seem to have been affected.

But, he said, "we appear to have been criticized in places like the press."

McCollough agreed. "The problem with the press is they've never made it clear that it's not the anthropology department," she said.

It is important to remember that the department itself had brought many of these issues to light, McCollough said.

The cause of the controversy surrounding the repatriation efforts has come from individuals' actions or other things that happened in the past, she said.

Those include the alleged mishandling of American Indian remains by associate anthropology professor Karl Reinhard.

A group of American Indian representatives are calling for his suspension. The analysis would be illegal under NAGPRA.

Students have expressed discontentment that Reinhard was not suspended.

"There are problems I have that he is still teaching," Thunder Hawk said.

She said she does not spend much time in Bessey Hall, the home of the department, because she does not want to run across Reinhard.

Hitchcock said the department plans to have meetings with students and circulate statements about what is going on with repatriation efforts.

"We want to make sure students understand the issues."

# Gold medalist 'FloJo' dies

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. (AP) — Florence Griffith Joyner died Monday at age 38, just a decade after dazzling Olympic track with speed and glamour that have never been matched.


A triple gold medalist at the Seoul Olympics and still the fastest woman ever, "FloJo" was known as much for her skintight running suits, her flowing hair and her glittering fingernails as for her stunning times.

An autopsy was being conducted to determine the cause of death. Her husband, Al Joyner, himself a 1984 triple jump gold medalist, called authorities after finding her "unresponsive and not breathing" early Monday, according to the Orange County sheriff's department.


Greg Foster, a three-time world champion in the 110-meter hurdles, said he was told by her family that Griffith Joyner died of a heart-related problem.

Primo Nebiolo, the head of the IAAF, track's international federation, said he knew Griffith Joyner had "some serious heart problems in recent months," although one of her brothers, Weldon Pitts, said she had shown no sign of illness recently.

Griffith Joyner had suffered a seizure two years ago on a flight from California to St. Louis, and was hospitalized for one day. Her family did not disclose the ailment.



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