

Academic Senate settles question of president

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Academic Senate

The Academic Senate experienced a change of the guard Tuesday.

The Academic Senate members voted to keep Associate Professor Gail Latta as president until May 2000. Latta will serve the remainder of former President Patricia Kennedy's term plus another full term during the next academic year.

Last month, Kennedy resigned as president to become the associate dean of the College of Business Administration.

President-elect Latta then assumed the title and responsibilities of Academic Senate president.

A motion to vote on a new president-elect was approved and will be held at next month's meeting.

A recognition of Kennedy's work as president was scheduled for Tuesday's meeting, but Kennedy had a conflict and could not attend the meeting.

In other business, senate members expressed concern over a proposed change in the wording of two bylaws that deal with faculty responsibility appointments.

The administration and faculty have been trying to bridge the gap between the two, which have unclear

language.

One bylaw supports mutual consent, while the other uses language that eliminates the standard of mutual agreement between the faculty and administration in deciding faculty responsibilities.

The faculty members are striving to ensure mutual agreement, because it helps them work as a team and move toward collective goals for the university, Latta said.

Latta encouraged the senate members to get feedback from their departments and decide the matter at a later date.

UNL Chancellor James Moeser expressed his support of quickly solving the bylaw conflict and avoiding a conflict between the faculty and the NU Board of Regents.

Moeser also unveiled plans for a separate graduation ceremony for graduate faculty receiving their doctoral degrees.

"This ceremony will really set them apart as the most prestigious graduates," Moeser said.

The ceremony will be held at the Lied Center for Performing Arts on the Friday before commencement in May.

Campus groups plan black history events

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Black History Month

Little did Carter G. Woodson know that when he started Negro History Week 73 years ago, it would turn into an entire black history month.

Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, chose the second week in February for his celebration to coincide with the birthdays of civil rights leaders Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

Today, campus leaders and organizations are planning celebrations of their own for Black History Month.

Venetria Patton, coordinator of the African American and African Studies Program, said February is a crucial month for blacks.

"It's the moment when all eyes are focused on black history," she said. "Black issues normally fall to the wayside in (educational) courses."

Patton has organized several activities this month on behalf of the African American and African Studies Program.

A video and discussion titled "Shattering the Silence: The Case for Minority Faculty" will take place Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. in the Andrews Hall Bailey Library. Patton said the focus will be on minority faculty as well as on students.

"This is my brainchild," Patton said. "Students don't always realize faculty issues, and hopefully this will get people thinking about issues in the black community and the U.S. as a whole."

Another event Patton is anticipating is a lecture by Alonzo Smith, scheduled for Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. in the Bailey Library.

Smith, who works for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., has co-authored a book with Omaha historian Bertha Calloway, a founder of the Great Plains Black Museum.

Smith's lecture is titled "The Black

Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St.

"He has a history of African Americans in higher education," Douglas said.

Brown is also scheduled to speak at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Bailey Library, though Douglas said the speech is not open to the public.

"He is well sought-after," she said, "but he was very receptive to coming when I explained to him what we were doing."

Douglas said Brown will address ways students can be more successful.

Although the multicultural affairs department has not yet planned other activities for the month, Douglas said the events provide valuable educational information.

"It's important to take a month out of the year," she said. "The education gained is valuable, but I hope activities extend beyond that."

Voices of the People, a roundtable discussion group of students formed last semester, is also holding two events this month.

"At the beginning of the year, Voices of the People chose Black History Month as one of the topics we wanted to address," said Sandra Kinoshita, academic counselor and coordinator of multicultural programs for athletics.

A roundtable discussion called "Media Images of People of Color" will be held Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Regency Room.

Voices of the People's second event is scheduled for Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. The video "Skin Deep" will be shown in the South Stadium football auditorium, and a discussion will follow, Kinoshita said.

"'Skin Deep' is about being a student of color on a white campus," she said. "It's really good."

Though many feel Black History Month is important, they also said it needs to continue past one month of the year.

"Hopefully, this will carry interest into other months," Patton said, "so we don't just talk about blacks in February."

Black History Month February 1999

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Monday, Feb. 1 - "A Question of Color" Video & Discussion - Clyde Malone Center - 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 8 - "Media Images of People of Color" Video & Discussion - Nebraska Union - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 - Lecture by Dr. M. Christopher Brown: "The Walking Wounded: African Americans and the Assault on Equal Educational Opportunities" - Bailey Library (Andrews Hall) - 3 p.m.

Dr. M. Christopher Brown Lecture - "The Night Cometh: Positioning Ourselves for Success" - Culture Center - 333 N. 14th St. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 - "Seniors: Four Years in Retrospect" Video & Discussion - Nebraska Union (Room posted) - 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 15 - "Shattering the Silence: The Case for Minority Faculty" Video & Discussion - Bailey Library - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 - "Thomas Jefferson: Fathering Our Country" - Nebraska Union (Room posted) - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18 - "Skin Deep" Video & Discussion - Football auditorium - 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22 - "A Race Against Prime Time" Video & Discussion - Clyde Malone Center - 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26 - Lecture by Dr. Alonzo Smith - "The Black Experience in Nebraska: The Making of Visions of Freedom" - Bailey Library - 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27 - Black History Month Dinner Theatre - "A Place Called Hope" - Directed by Laura Partridge - Clyde Malone Center - 5:30 p.m. Dinner and 7 p.m. Performance

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Experience in Nebraska: The Making of Visions of Freedom."

Patton said the timing of Smith's lecture coincides well with the Feb. 1 release of his latest book, "Visions of Freedom on the Great Plains: An Illustrated History of African Americans in Nebraska."

"His experiences directly reflect on blacks in Nebraska," she said.

Benita Douglas, educational specialist for multicultural affairs, said her office also has a speaker lined up.

M. Christopher Brown, assistant professor of education, organization and leadership at the University of Illinois-Champaign, will present a lecture titled "The Night Cometh: Positioning Ourselves for Success" on

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CLARIFICATION

Chi Phi Fraternity President Jason Hardy, who was mentioned in a Tuesday news article, is not the same Jason Hardy who works as a staff writer for the Daily Nebraskan. Both men are students at UNL, and some confusion has occurred because of their like names.

Law & Order

Two injured in stabbing

Two Lincoln men were injured in an early-morning stabbing Tuesday, Lincoln Police said.

Sgt. Terrence Sherrill said a 39-year-old man was stabbed in the stomach and the left side of his chest in a disturbance at the 2600 block of North Third Street about 2 a.m. Monday. A 28-year-old also was wounded in his right chest.

Both men were in fair condition at BryanLGH Medical Center West on Tuesday evening.

Sherrill said police arrested a 50-year-old Lincoln man for second-degree assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony. The 50-year-old had used the knife, he said.

Police also arrested a 25-year-old man and a 27-year-old man for third-degree assault, he said.

He said he did not know what led to the stabbing, but that alcohol was probably a contributing factor.

Man assaults police officer

A 29-year-old man was arrested after pushing and punching a Lincoln police officer Monday evening.

Sherrill said the officer approached three men near Sun Valley Boulevard

and West O Street at 5:19 p.m. The men had been asked to leave a store in the 1000 block of West O Street earlier, and the clerk had called police, saying she had told the men before not to come back.

The officer said he asked one of the men to remove his hands from his jacket, and the man pushed the officer in the chest and punched him in the left side of the face, causing "pain and discomfort."

The man was jailed for assaulting an officer.

Vandal arrested for graffiti

Police arrested a 22-year-old "junglist" for vandalism about 1 a.m. Monday.

Sherrill said an officer was on patrol near 13th and E streets when he saw a man dressed in dark clothing writing graffiti on a building's front doors with a red permanent marker.

Sherrill said the man told police he is a tagger for himself. His artwork, he said, translated to "a fight for survival."

The man considers himself a "junglist," which is part of a survivalist group, Sherrill said.

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