

ASUN debate reveals concerns with CBA

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Two problems face the College of Business Administration: a lack of communication and a lack of accessibility to a copy machine, ASUN senate candidates said Tuesday.

As nine Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senate candidates vied for constituents support at the Nebraska Union, they bemoaned the ineffectiveness of communication within the college.

"Communication is not a perfect process," Tammy Poehler, an independent candidate, said. "It needs to be worked on every day."

In a show of unity, the candidates focused their voices to improve communication.

This can be done through town hall meetings and open forums, Adam Thompson, a Voice candidate, said.

Mark Kratina, a transfer student and a Focus candidate, said such meetings worked well when he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"Communication is a key within CBA," Kratina said. "Through town hall meetings, we can build a community."

Thompson said that ASUN senators and CBA Student Advisory Board members needed to listen to the issues — like the communication problem — in order to solve them.

"Some students are not involved in the college or on campus, but they have concerns, too," Thompson said.

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JILL BRABAND
Voice candidate

Students have an opportunity to be heard by getting involved early on, independent candidate Amy Rol said.

By implementing mentor programs and working closely with undergraduate business organizations, students can contribute to the university, she said.

"It is especially important as freshmen," Rol said. "Otherwise, it's too late to do anything."

Candidates also worry that students are not conveying their concerns to ASUN senators and Student Advisory Board members. Students would be better represented by integrating CBA and the advisory board, Focus candidate Ryan Comes said.

Comes said that students would be more likely to approach senators with concerns if senators' and SAB members' pictures and e-mail addresses were posted within the college.

"We need to break down those barriers and encourage students to see their advisers," Voice candidate Jill Braband said.

"It's all about going through the right channels to get problems solved," Voice candidate Mike

Buckneberg added.

ASUN senators and student advisers should also strive to find information relevant to students and then share it with them, Focus candidate Stacy Dommanish said.

Students are also concerned that professors overlook teacher evaluations, Voice candidate Shane Perkins said.

"Students do not feel that the feedback they give is put into practice," Perkins said. "CBA can utilize numerous student organizations in order to evaluate professors."

CBA should hold professors accountable to course evaluations and offer more resources to students, Braband said.

Because of the amount of material CBA students are required to photocopy, several candidates hope to place a copy machine within the CBA building.

However, the most important thing the college is lacking is interpersonal communication, Kratina said.

"The College of Business Administration needs personal, humanistic communication," he said. "It's more than e-mail and fliers — it's face-to-face communication."

Guard reimbursement compromise reached

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A bill that would increase tuition assistance for National Guard college students passed to final reading Tuesday, but with less funding than originally intended.

The bill, introduced by Nickerson Sen. Ray Janssen, would have increased tuition reimbursement from 50 percent to 100 percent for National Guard members. But an amendment offered Tuesday by Plattsmouth Sen. Roger Wehrbein dropped that figure to 75 percent. He said the amendment reflected a compromise.

Senators wanted to increase guard membership, Wehrbein said, but 100 percent reimbursement would have required too much money. Under Wehrbein's amendment, which passed 38-0, spending for the reimbursement would be capped at \$900,000.

The bill raised eyebrows during general file debate because at 100

percent reimbursement, it would have required more than \$1 million over two years.

"This is the best consensus we could reach," Wehrbein said.

Janssen also supported the amendment. If the 75 percent funding helps attract more recruits, he said, that may demonstrate to the Legislature that tuition assistance worked.

In committee, guard representatives testified that membership was down after reimbursement dropped in 1992. Further decreases could result in Nebraska losing federal dollars.

Wehrbein said he believed in a strong National Guard in Nebraska, and he wanted to avoid losing positions permanently.

"This will allow us to get on that trail," he said.

But he said he might not support the bill in May if forced to choose between funding the tuition assistance and other programs.

After the amendment passed 38-0, the bill advanced to final reading on a voice vote.

CORRECTIONS

Because of a reporting error, Lincoln mayoral candidate Jim Wrenholt was incorrectly listed as a Republican in a Feb. 16 story on city elections. Wrenholt is an Independent.

A Jan. 25, 1999, Daily Nebraskan article, "Schwebach files suit against NU Regents," falsely attributed a statement to Associate Political Science Professor David Rapkin.

The Daily Nebraskan retracts the statement: "Upon hearing of the complaints in 1995, Rapkin said he thought they were absurd and that the controversy would pass."

According to Rapkin's attorney, Rapkin had no knowledge of any alleged sexual harassment complaint against him in 1995. In addition, although Rapkin does not dispute that the charges are absurd, he did not tell the Daily Nebraskan he thought the controversy would pass upon hearing of the complaints in 1995. Rapkin wasn't advised of an alleged sexual harassment complaint against him until 1998.

The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

Bush gets nod from governors for candidacy

WASHINGTON (AP)—A dozen of the nation's 31 Republican governors have joined forces to urge George W. Bush to run for president.

Bush has not decided whether to seek the presidency, though all signs point that way and he is the early GOP front-runner. His fellow governors are eager to board the Bush bandwagon.

"I'll sign the sheet three times," Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating said.

"Nobody wants to be left behind," said Connecticut Gov. John Rowland.

"They like him," Racicot said. "They trust him. They think he can win."

The informal endorsement campaign began Sunday and gained momentum during the three-day meeting. Bush, as he did Sunday, told reporters today that the effort was not coordinated by him.

"This wasn't planned. I didn't come here and say, 'Well, gosh. Let's round up a bunch of governors.'"

Michigan Gov. John Engler and Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci joined Racicot to divide up the list of governors and sound them out.

At least two governors, Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and Don Sundquist of Tennessee, support Lamar Alexander for the presidential nomination.

Two others, Mike Johanns of Nebraska and Kirk Fordice of Mississippi, told organizers they back former Vice President Dan Quayle. Johanns' press secretary, Chris Peterson, said the governor has not decided who to support in 2000.

Arizona Gov. Jane Hull is expected to support Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. In addition to the 12 already on board, three to five governors are thought to be leaning toward Bush.

The rest are uncommitted.

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