

Bill passed to change ASUN naming system

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ASUN senators took a break halfway through their meeting Wednesday night before passing a bill that changed one of their bylaws.

After recessing to participate in the Take Back the Night Candlelight March and Vigil, senators voted to change the name of eight Association of Students of the University of Nebraska subcommittees.

They will now be called advisory councils because the word "subcommittee" does not correctly reflect the role those groups play, the bill said.

"The subcommittees were intended to advise senators about the appropriate action to take," said Heath Mello, College of Arts and Sciences senator. "The name advisory council is more appropriate."

Some of the ASUN subcommittees that will now be called advisory councils are the Students with Disabilities Subcommittee, the

International Students Subcommittee, the Women's Issues Subcommittee and the Sexual Orientation Subcommittee.

Mello said he hopes students involved with the advisory councils will now feel more involved with student government.

"The word 'subcommittee' made it sound like a hierarchy where the subcommittee was the lowest you could get," he said.

This bill goes along with another bill that would create a presidential advisory council, Mello said.

The senate will review that bill at the next meeting.

Both bills are designed to get students more involved.

"We're creating more of a circular type government," Mello said.

Before passing the bill, senators recessed to attend the Take Back the Night rally on the back steps of the Nebraska Union.

ASUN co-sponsored the rally along with the UNL Women's Center, Women's Studies Association and several other Lincoln organizations.

Panel additions made to include more diversity

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Two professors will join a 21-member panel already formed that will set criteria to judge academic programs at the University of Nebraska.

The two additional appointments were made after NU President Dennis Smith received feedback about the lack of ethnic diversity on the committee.

Thomas Calhoun, associate professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Jorge Rodriguez-Sierra, professor of cell biology and anatomy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, were appointed to the panel this week by Smith.

The panel was formed in September after the NU Board of Regents decided to move forward with a process of academic prioritization.

Made up of faculty, administrators, students and members of the public, the panel will meet to determine what criteria

should be used to judge programs at the four campuses in the NU system.

University of Nebraska Executive Vice President and Provost Lee B. Jones is the chairman of the committee.

After being chosen to make the committee more diverse, Calhoun, who is black, said it was important that a variety of voices were heard.

"It's important that minorities be represented to provide a different perspective as we begin to evaluate programs," he said. "I think more diverse opinions included in any interaction better the outcome."

Rodriguez-Sierra said that as a member of the panel, he would represent the interests of faculty first.

"I don't claim to represent all the Hispanics at the university," he said. "I represent myself as a faculty member."

Both appointees said the job as a panel member would be a difficult one.

Trying to please all the groups that have a stake in the process won't be easy, Rodriguez-Sierra said.

"Resources are not limitless," he

said. "No one likes to be told that."

Calhoun said one of the biggest challenges he would try to get the panel to overcome was looking over smaller programs that have a potential to be of strength nationally.

"It's important that programs that may not be as visible be given equal chance to gain national and international prominence," Calhoun said.

Smith, who appointed the first set of panel members, said the goal of prioritization was not to eliminate programs.

"It is possible that, as a result of this process, some academic programs will be discontinued over time, but that is not the primary goal of this endeavor," Smith said in a statement.

The task force will meet for the first time Oct. 29.

At that time panel members will get a clearer picture of the task before them, Rodriguez-Sierra said.

"I think we need to look at what is put in front of us," he said. "We have to know what the agenda is."



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Police: Teens arrested for vandalism

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Police arrested two 14-year-old boys Wednesday on suspicion of breaking into Mickle Middle School and smearing paint across several offices and classrooms, police said.

Capt. Doug Srb said the teen-agers spread paint "literally from one end of the school to the other" and caused \$5,000 to \$10,000 worth of damage.

Both teen-agers, who are students at the middle school, were arrested Wednesday morning. Police are looking for a third teen-ager believed to be involved in the break-in.

The teen-agers were spotted by a Lincoln police officer as they returned from breaking into the school, Srb said. The break-in had not been reported but the officer still stopped the teen-agers and got their names and addresses.

The same officer, Clint Solano, later responded to the reported break-in at Mickle Middle School, 2500 N. 67th St., around 6 a.m. and was able to link the teen-agers to the break-in, Srb said.

Mickle Principal Dick Spearman said the teen-agers entered the school by breaking the glass out of a door near the school's gymnasium.

The teen-agers broke into an art class room, took several jars of Tempera paint, then broke into Spearman's office and Assistant Principal Stan Knapp's office.

Spearman's computer keyboard and monitor, stereo, television and desk were covered in black and blue paint. Paint was also splattered across office walls and on an oil painting inside Spearman's office.

Knapp's office was also vandalized. The teen-agers used the paint to write insults on the walls of the office.

The school's drama classroom was

also vandalized with paint, Spearman said, and about 40 books were thrown around the school's library.

Srb said a violin was also painted in the crime.

The teen-agers used tools taken from a maintenance closet to break the glass in office doors and enter the offices, Srb said.

The teens were arrested for burglary and criminal mischief, Srb said. According to state law, anyone who commits a crime after breaking into a building can be charged with burglary even if they did not actually take any property.

Srb said the extent of the damage caused by the attack meant that the incident was more than a simple prank.

"I'd say this is a serious situation; it isn't just a prank," Srb said. "What starts out to be maybe a prank turns into something that is quite expensive and is devastating to the school."

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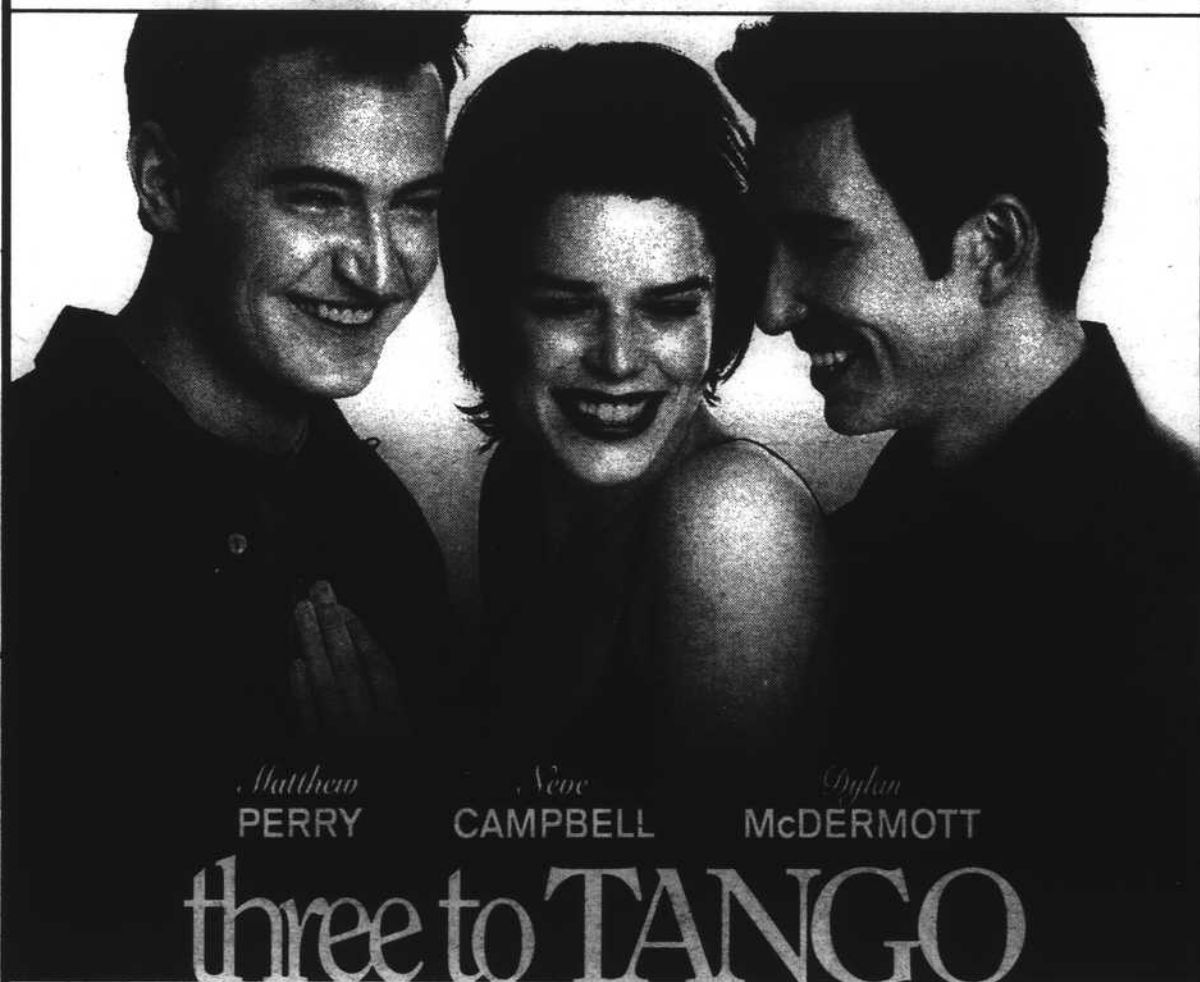
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