

Regents to vote on deal

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money coming from UNK's contract will be significantly less because of its smaller size.

The uses will be similar, however.

Along with voting to accept or reject the Pepsi contract, the Board of Regents is set to address the following issues:

■ It will hear presentations on the financial climate of the state. Because the university will be preparing for the next budget bien-

nium, it is important to hear about the budget requests that will be facing the state in the next few years, said Joseph Rowson, associate to the NU president.

■ A strategic discussion on distance education will also take place.

The discussion is intended to educate the regents on the current state of distance education, Rowson said.

The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege St. It is open to the public.

ASUN happy with progress

Much has been accomplished so far, president says

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There's always room for improvement.

But ASUN President Andy Schuerman said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's student government group touched on all its goals this semester and accomplished more than 75 percent of them.

The other 25 percent are ongoing, such as completion of the degree audit system and an examination of domestic partner benefits for UNL employees, Schuerman said. ASUN will continue to work on those goals next semester.

"I'm very happy about our ability to develop and work in an organized manner," Schuerman said. "We were even flexible enough to add new programs (to our agenda)."

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska added NU on Wheels, a safe-ride home program, to its budget for next semester.

Schuerman said he is most proud of that accomplishment, along with the advent of the President's Advisory Council.

"The President's Advisory Council was a step toward involving different students in the process and bringing them into the mix," Schuerman said.

The work the Academic Committee has done with educating faculty and students about the Dead Week policy is also important, Schuerman said.

Members of the Academic Committee met with department chairpeople this semester and told them what the Dead Week policy says.

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Schuerman said there haven't been nearly as many complaints about violations in the policy this year as there have been in the past.

"We've found that in the past, nearly 80 percent (of the Dead Week policy violations) were because faculty and staff didn't know what the policy was," Schuerman said.

ASUN also worked on implementing an electronic degree audit system to help with senior checks.

Some colleges are now using the electronic system to help with advising, but others have yet to log on.

Schuerman said ASUN will continue to work on that next semester.

College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Urrvano Gamez said the work his committee did this semester will affect a lot of students.

The Special Topics Committee spent a great deal of the semester deciding if student organizations should be required to attend an orientation in Student Involvement.

The ASUN senate recently voted to approve the orientation requirement.

"What we did took up a lot of time," Gamez said. "We did a lot of research, but I wish we could've done more."

ASUN also updated its Web site, Schuerman said, and improvements will continue next semester.

ASUN members participated in several community service projects. The group also will continue looking into electronic voting.

Schuerman said students may be able to vote electronically in next year's Homecoming election.

A personal accomplishment Schuerman said he was proud of is the campaign handbook he put together.

The handbook was designed to help students with the basics of running a campaign, and Schuerman said he had received positive feedback.

Next semester will see work on projects such as planning for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and looking more into domestic partner benefits.

ASUN's Sexual Orientation Committee is already working on domestic partner benefits, and Schuerman said next semester the senate will focus more on that, as well.

Schuerman said he hopes senators will remain focused next semester despite the election campaigns going on.

But the ASUN president doesn't think it will be a problem.

"There's no reason to believe that will be the case," Schuerman said. "I'm going to sit down with the senators, and we'll focus on two or three things that we want to get done before the end of our terms."



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