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UNL priorities focus on graduate education

■ The university aims to attain greater national recognition through improvements outlined by Perlman.

BY JILL ZEMAN

The university's top academic priorities aren't just the "Three R's" everyone learned in elementary school.

Although reading, writing and arithmetic are integral parts of most of the priorities, the list doesn't spell things out that simply.

Released about two weeks ago by Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman, the list details 102 programs that UNL will pour more money into in the future.

The programs are those that can

gain UNL national acclaim and research dollars, to help improve the quality of the university as well as its reputation.

The priorities aren't necessarily the best programs at UNL, but are ones the university should strengthen through additional funding.

The prioritization process was launched by the NU Board of Regents in October 1999 and goes hand-in-hand with the 20/20 Vision Report, which outlines UNL's goals for the next 20 years.

The report says research and graduate education can be enhanced by capitalizing on UNL's strengths and enhancing funding.

Gail Latta, former Academic Senate president and member of the task force

that devised the 20/20 report, said the prioritization list was consistent with the vision statement.

"It expresses really well the breadth and variety of the university," she said.

Latta said she was pleased the list included UNL's traditional strengths, such as law and psychology, as well as innovative areas, such as distance learning and technology.

Latta, a professor of libraries, said it takes a while to identify which programs are included in the list because of the broad categories.

For example, libraries are included in the list under Digital Scholarship and Literacy Program, she said.

"It's a dense document," she said.

But overall, Latta said she thought the sciences and humanities were well-

balanced in the report.

The priorities are broken into four categories: graduate/professional education and research/creative activity; life sciences, health and natural resources; undergraduate education and outreach.

Graduate/professional education and research/creative activity divides its priorities into two categories: instructional emphasis and research emphasis.

Areas with an instructional emphasis are those that are strongest in the classroom, said David Brinkerhoff, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The other programs listed with a research emphasis are not just scientific, but anything involved with research,

he said.

Faculty members were asked to decide what was the primary focus of the program — instruction or research — and that's how they were grouped, he said.

Seventeen areas are listed as instructional priorities. These areas often cross department boundaries or college lines.

For example, UNL's law degree program was listed as a priority, but it goes beyond NU's College of Law.

It includes emphases on psychology, rural studies, children and families and public and private international law.

Another program listed as a priority

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Candidates barred from ASUN race

BY MARGARET BEHM

The student government Electoral Commission put its foot down Tuesday morning and disqualified two ASUN candidates.

The commission voted unanimously to disqualify Sheila Gathuma, the NUForce Arts & Sciences advisory board candidate.

David Koesters, an independent presidential candidate, also was disqualified from running because he wasn't a UNL student in the fall semester.

The NU Board of Regents dictates that students must be enrolled in classes for the previous two semesters prior to running for office.

John D. Conley, election commission chairman, said Gathuma only turned in 30 signatures, instead of the required 35 signatures.

Angela Clements, NUForce presidential candidate, said Gathuma was told she only needed 25 signatures because for other colleges this is the required number.

"It was an oversight," Clements said.

A major reason Gathuma was disqualified was because she didn't show up for the commission meeting to speak on her own behalf, Conley said.

Gathuma said she didn't know there was even a meeting that questioned her candidacy when she spoke to the Daily Nebraskan on Tuesday night.

The Daily Nebraskan was the first to tell Gathuma she was not eligible to run for office.

"I didn't know," she said. "I don't think my party knew."

Conley said the commission informs the contact person for the party if there was an investigation about their party, and the contact person was usually the presidential candidate.

"NUForce as a party knew (of the meeting)," Conley said.

Angela Clements, NUForce presidential candidate, was at the meeting.

Clements said Tuesday evening that she wasn't aware that Gathuma didn't know she might not be able to run.

Conley said it was due time for the commission to punish rule-breakers.

"We've had infraction after infraction," he said. "We have been nice and fun-loving, and it's getting us nowhere."

This is the second time that a NUForce candidate has sat in the hot seat over signatures.

Rowena Pacquette, NUForce's second vice-presidential candidate, was penalized last week for not turning in her signatures on time.

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Nate Wagner/DN

WORKING THE CIRCUIT: Sophomore Brad Lane takes a break inside of the Pella Windows and Doors mascot, the Pella-Can, during the Career Kaleidoscope in the Nebraska Union Ballroom on Tuesday afternoon. More than 130 employers were available to talk to students.



Jerome Montalto/DN

FLOWER POWER: Lacey Hochstein, an employee of Bloom, 1451 O. St., arranges one of the hundreds of orders that are placed during the busiest flower holiday, Valentine's Day.

Napster-use prevalent at UNL

BY GEORGE GREEN

The pioneer of free Internet music might soon play its last tune.

And some University of Nebraska-Lincoln students say they will be sad to see it go.

But they also said they could understand the plight of musicians looking for a paycheck for their work.

On Monday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the company to stop the millions of people who use it to share copyrighted music without restrictions or charge.

Napster CEO Hank Barry said, in a statement on the Napster Web site, www.napster.com, that his company would appeal the decision.

And he said even if the service was shut down while the next trial was pending, the company would continue to do everything it could to continue providing the music downloads for free.

But for now, the music plays on.

Eric Bishop, a UNL senior finance major, said while Napster was still alive he and his roommates would download free tunes.

Bishop said his roommates use Napster constantly throughout the day, and with Internet silence impending, they would probably try to download as much as possible.

"They will get as much as they can," he said.

Carrie Hartley, a sophomore marketing major, said she wouldn't go on a Napster bender.

"I'll download a couple, but I won't go crazy," she said.

Hartley said she would miss the service

if it shuts down. But, she said, she could understand why musicians would want to get paid for their work.

But Napster's lawyers said the task of monitoring its users to pay artists might be impossible.

David Conover, a doctoral student studying distance learning, said he could empathize with the musicians' pleas for justice.

"I'm part DJ and part musician," he said. Artists should be paid at least a portion of what they're worth, he said.

But, Conover said, the concept of music dispersal over the Internet is good.

"The idea behind it is great," he said. Artists, though, still deserve to earn an honest buck, he said.

Napster has said it planned to begin charging subscription fees by the summer, but major record labels haven't been persuaded to work with the company.

The company estimates that its model has more than 50 million registered users that could be charged a fee.

Bishop said he thought these users were more guilty of copyright infringement than the Internet company.

Napster provides the forum, but users do the trading, he said.

The appeals court did not mention any liability of users who choose to continue downloading from the service until its impending death.

Even if Napster bites the dust, Bishop said people eager for free music would be able to find other music sites on the net.

"You can get free music anywhere. It's just that Napster is the most popular."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Requested funds granted to centers

■ The CFA approved budget increases for the health and recreation student services.

BY JILL CONNER

Directors of the University Health Center and Campus Recreation can sleep easy tonight.

After the Committee for Fees Allocation granted the student services their requested funds Tuesday, members from both organizations said they were pleased.

Although the Health Center did not request an increase to its \$3,803,122 budget, CFA did allocate an extra \$3,000 for advertising campaigns.

This increase brought the allotment to \$3,806,122.

Interim Medical Director Joe Hermsen said he had no part of the suggested increase.

"It was a student initiative," Hermsen said.

Brent Stanfield, chairman of CFA, originally proposed a \$10,000 addition to the budget after it was presented.

Stanfield argued he wanted these funds to go toward better publicity, such as a mass mail-

ing or sponsoring an event during Big Red Welcome.

The motion failed 8-1.

After more examination, committee members decided a \$3,000 increase was more practical because the Health Center itself increased its advertising budget by \$6,000 after reallocating its own money.

"I think this is a reasonable increase that will help kick-start what their intention is, and develop a marketing plan," said committee member Jessica Lopez.

Eventually, the motion requesting a \$3,000 increase passed 9-0.

Jane Crittenden, budget coordinator for the Health Center, said the extra money would be used for events that would increase recognition of the Health Center.

The road to financial success was not as simple for Campus Recreation.

Although CFA did grant the \$119,320 requested for the addition of new jobs, its first proposal did not provide for the total building repair and improvement request.

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