

Senate debates appointments

The Senate spent an hour and a half debating Senate President Stephanie Larsen's controversial appointments to the Fiscal Committee at the ASUO Senate meeting Thursday.

Senate members were upset over the appointment of Peggy O'Farrell who is not a senator to a voting position on the committee, and the removal of John Stewart from the committee. Stewart had served as a voting member for two terms.

Ms. Larsen said her criteria for appointments to the Fiscal Committee where: a conceptualization of the budgetary process, ability to work with other people, and integrity.

Ms. Larsen said Ms. O'Farrell was a capable person with several years of experience on the Fiscal Committee, and her recommendation to the committee was based on this experience. There is no provision in Senate constitution or by-laws

which states senate committee members must be senators.

Ms. Larsen did not elaborate on the specific areas in which she felt Stewart did not meet her criteria for a committee member. She said that she had discussed her decision with the committee chairmen, and would hold firmly to her appointments.

The appointments went down to defeat 20 to 12 after long debate.

Stewart then asked for the floor. He thanked those who had

supported him, and forgave those who had supported Ms. Larsen's appointments.

He said this defeat demonstrated the poor judgement that had been used in the appointments to the committee, and he hoped Ms. Larsen would reconsider her position and produce a Fiscal Committee that could function.

He then moved that the Senate reconsider Ms. Larsen's Fiscal Committee appointments. The motion passed. The Fiscal Committee appointments passed 25-9 leaving the purpose of the Senate's first hour and a half debate questionable.

The rest of the Senate Committee Appointments were approved, along with the appointment of Shonna Husbands, Bob Ruby, and Marsha Johnson to the Hearing Panel on University Priorities (HPUP).

Inner-Institutional Union of Students (IUS) member Rod Chandler met with frustration when he discussed ratification of the IUS constitutional amendments with the Senate. The ratification had been given a do pass recommendation the Governing Committee but the Senate voted not to consider the amendments until each Senator received a copy of the

proposed changes.

Chandler said that the changes were designed to make IUS more credible and functional. He briefly outlined them as being a name change from IUSOSSHE (Inner Institutional Union of Students of the State System of Higher Education) to IUS, a tighter process for collecting dues, and a censure procedure to prevent individual members from misrepresenting the group.

The Senate voted not to accept the do pass judgement of the Governing Committee, and ratification was postponed.

The Senate set a precedent for taking a stand on national issues by voting to send a letter to the National Forest Supervisor expressing agreement with the proposed U.S. Forest Service purchase of private lands north of Lincoln City.

They also voted to draft to the Department of Agriculture supporting the classification of Mid-Santiam, Quartzville, and Cone Peak-Browder Ridge areas as Wilderness areas.

Fadeley knocks cig-tax foes

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"I have never seen an election filled with so much one-sided

inaccurate propaganda," State Senator Ed Fadeley said Thursday, referring to Tuesday's cigarette tax election.

Fadeley, speaking to the

University chapter of the Oregon State Employees Association on Wednesday voiced strong support for the tax and attacked the "propaganda methods" used by opponents to the tax. He labeled most of their statements in the voters pamphlets as "direct inaccuracies".

Fadeley said defeat of the tax measure would have a detrimental effect on top of what is already a crisis. "The state is counting on about \$1 million a month more revenue from monies raised by the tax," he said. "If the tax is defeated cuts will have to be made in such areas as property tax relief, education and all other areas of the general fund."

The Eugene attorney said one beneficial program would be greatly endangered if the tax was defeated. "We now have a program where a low-income property owner pays a graduated property tax, based on ability to pay. The property owner pays part and the state pays part. This program could very well be lost if the measure fails."

Fadeley also noted that the defeat of the measure would have a great impact on higher education. "There would no doubt be a tuition increase and undoubtedly many programs would be cut drastically."

He also chastised some of his fellow legislators, saying than many of them who oppose the tax, voted to spend the money. "I voted for the tax, because I thought the expenditures were needed."

Graduate leader urges affirmative vote

A request for all registered University graduate students to vote for the cigarette tax January 18 was issued by Carl Mills, president of the Graduate Student Council at a meeting Thursday afternoon.

Mills said at present GSC is facing a budget cut, however if the proposed cigarette tax does not pass they expect more severe budget cuts.

"Yes," Mills added, "it is a discriminatory tax, but so is the gasoline tax. The cigarette tax is a band-aid approach to prop up a dying structure."

Also discussed was the ASUO Incidental Fees Budget for 1972-73. The GSC, as a financial ASUO agency, presently receives 50 cents from each graduate student's incidental fees. Mills proposed a GSC investigation into the possibility of asking the ASUO for a guaranteed 3 to 10 per cent of the graduate student incidental fees. An alternate proposal was GSC secession from the ASUO ending any fee payment to the ASUO.

A major point of conflict between GSC and ASUO is where budget controls by ASUO can be exercised. The two organizations hope to work out a written "peace-treaty" involving future budgetary controls.

Mills summed up GSC's position by saying "the relationship of the GSC to the senate has always been ambiguous. On one hand . . . we are politically autonomous . . . yet on the other hand . . . we depend financially on appropriations by the senate. In theory this shouldn't cause us too much trouble, but it does."

Stephanie Larson, ASUO Senate president, said she "couldn't defend past procedures" however, she would "promise to do better this term" in respect to the GSC budget appropriations from the incidental fees.

Budgets from all ASUO agencies are due February 4 and fiscal hearings will be held during the third or fourth week of February. The ASUO budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1 is due on March 22, according to Ms. Larson.

Committees are being formed to investigate a computerized student information system, said DeNorval Tate, a graduate student in Accounting and Quantitative Methods. The system might include a student's admission, health and grade records all stored in the computer. Also being considered is a system of pre-registration where class schedules are formed or based on student demand for the class.

The three committees include a policy group made up of administrators and students, a group to develop programs and a scheduling group to determine priorities in the information system. The last two are to be student committees and will work on developing the system rather than working on administrative, Tate said.

Graduates as well as undergraduates may volunteer to work on the committees. Applications are available at the ASUO office on third floor EMU for the university-wide project, Tate said.

Leandra Fox, a graduate student from the Library School, reported that since Fall Term twelve work-study employees have quit and that at this time there is no way to replace them. Many unemployed work-study students don't want to work at the library because of the low wages, remarked Ms. Fox. She said that the library was looking for replacements more reliable than work-study students here on campus and the possibility of using 17 certified work-study students from LCC may be considered.

Nominations are open until the Jan. 27 GSC meeting to fill the vice-president vacancy. The position is open to all graduate students and pays \$60 a month. The term will end on April 30, 1972, when new officers will be elected.



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