

Faculty Senate urges ASUO governance of own office rules

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The Faculty Senate unanimously recommended Tuesday that students should be responsible for their own regulations regarding holding elected office instead of the faculty.

The Senate also considered motions on other matters students could be responsible for but declined to act on them.

Passed were two motions. The first stated the following:

—To be eligible for holding an ASUO office, students must meet the requirements "as are or shall be set forth in the ASUO Constitution or By-Laws."

—No student shall be eligible as a candidate for office unless certified by the EMU director.

—The ASUO shall notify the President of the University of any changes in eligibility requirements.

The motion went on to make the following points:

—A student who is suspended or expelled from the University or disqualified from enrolling is denied all privileges of student status.

—No student may participate in intercollegiate athletic competition unless certified by the faculty athletic representative. A student is automatically ineligible unless he is currently enrolled as a regular student and carrying at least 12 term hours of work (a lighter load permitted seniors and final term graduate students).

The effect of the motion, according to Edward Price, chairman of the ad hoc Committee for examining Regulations Regarding Student Activities, is "providing the ASUO with the power of decision over student activities."

He added that the ad hoc committee was set up to clarify some of the ambiguities existing between student and faculty legislation.

The recommended Senate legislation (it must be passed by the general faculty at their meeting June 7 to become effective) supercedes existing faculty policy of April 1967 and April 1971.

That policy required students to be carrying at least 12 term hours of work if an undergraduate and nine hours if a graduate student. The same number of respective hours were required to have been completed in the last previous term at the University, counting incompletes.

If the motion is passed by the faculty the following regulations in the ASUO By-Laws shall go into effect:

—Undergraduates shall be registered for at least 12 hours

during each of at least three terms during his term of office.

—Graduate students shall be registered for at least six hours during each of at least three terms during term of office.

—Graduating seniors may take a lighter course load provided degree conferment is not postponed.

The question of clarifying office holding requirements first arose in January, 1971. At that time, student body president Ron Eachus was suspended from office because he had not completed the minimum of nine credit hours for graduate studies in business during fall term.

Eachus appealed the ruling, saying that regulations published in the University's Administrative manual and those set down by the ASUO were different. He said he had met the student-set requirements of a six hour minimum.

The final decision on Eachus' status was delegated to the Student Administrative Board (SAB) by President Robert Clark. The board ruled that Eachus could remain as student body president and Clark set in motion the April legislation to erase the ambiguities.

The second motion passed repealed legislation of 1939 which authorized the now-defunct Student Affairs Committee "to refuse permission for all events which in the opinion of the committee are likely to interfere with scholastic work."

Three other motions submitted by Price were not acted upon by the Faculty Senate. They dealt with delegation of student responsibilities regarding recognizing student organizations, scheduling rooms, and fundraising activities.

Other legislation passed by the Faculty Senate dealt with transfer credit.

By a vote of 19-4 with two abstentions, the Senate passed a motion putting the following restrictions on transfer credit:

—credit earned in lower division terminal (short term) vocational courses will not be accepted.

—credit earned in lower division technological courses will not be accepted unless equivalent courses are offered at the University or its off-campus schools of Medicine, Nursing, or Dentistry.

James McWilliams, chairman of the Admissions Policy Committee which introduced the motion, said the motion was made to insure "the integrity of the bachelor's degree would be upheld." He added that the motions effect would be to "legitimize practices followed many years."

Under the legislation, if passed by the faculty, lower division courses such as woodworking, engineering technology and auto mechanics could not be accepted for transfer credit.

The motion was made in the face of a recommendation by the State Board of Higher Education to liberalize transfer credit policies on technological courses. The Board pointed out that Oregon State University and Oregon Technical Institute have many such courses.

McWilliams was uncertain whether the Senate action would be overruled by the Board.

The Faculty Senate will meet again Monday to consider motion on the Status of Faculty Women Committee and amendments to the Student Conduct Code.



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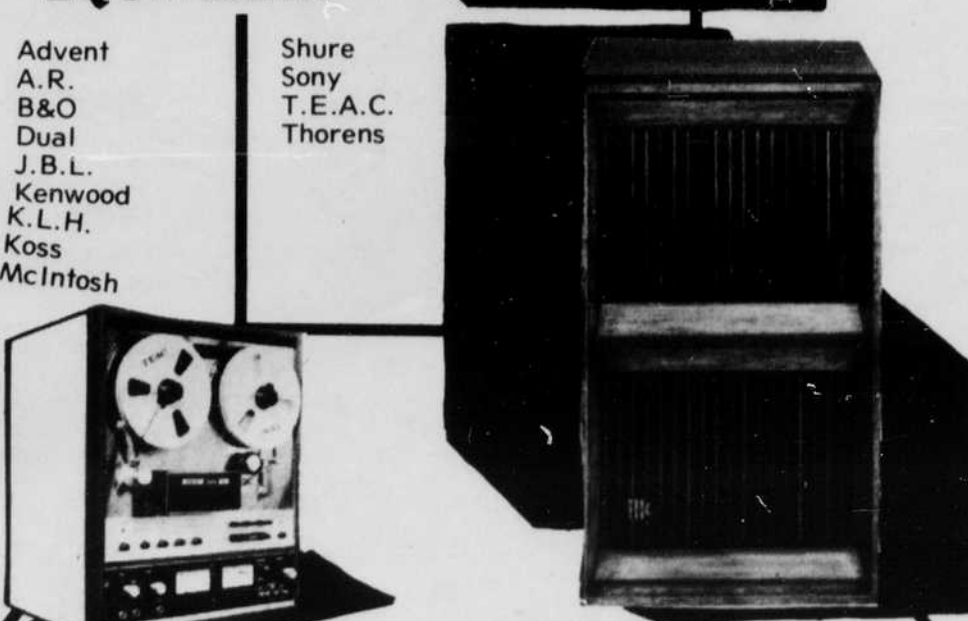


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