Promotion, tenure panel set by Faculty Senate

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The Faculty Senate voted to set up a five-person Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure at its meeting last Wednesday in 101 EMU.

Although the measure was passed by the Faculty Senate by a 13 to 9 vote, with three abstentions, final approval rests with the general faculty this Wednesday.

The purpose of the committee, according to John Shepherd, sponsor of the motion and President of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) "is not to address itself to the question of when tenure is awarded, but to clarify who, when, and how it is done."

According to Shepherd, there are many ambiguities of terms in the administrative and faculty handbooks. "Areas of confusion include selection and peer review, parole of department heads, when and how the review is conducted, and the content of the review."

Grace Graham, immediate past President of the AAUP and also a speaker for the motion said, "there are no rules beyond when a person should be considered for tenure in the administrative handbook. There's nothing about any input from faculty or students required by the department head and no requirement that an instructor be told of his own evaluation."

Although the John Perrin tenure case was not specifically mentioned, Graham went on to say that "There have been cases where a man is not put up for tenure until his sixth year of employment — and has never been told that his work was inadequate."

Membership of the committee is to consist of two administrators and three faculty members, of which one must be a member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the President, and one a non-tenured faculty member.

ASUO President Bill Wyatt suggested that students be included on the committee. However, when Michael Posner, psychology professor, proposed that two students be represented on the committee, the motion was defeated by a 9-16 vote.

Also, the Faculty Senate unanimously voted to recommend to the general faculty several revisions of Part I of "The Code of Student Conduct."

Peter Sherman, chairer of the Student Conduct Committee spoke to his motion by saying that revision of the conduct code is a "housekeeping affair."

For example, one part of the code lists "permanent or temporary suspension of charters, social probation, and denial of the use of University facilities "As possible sanctions for University offenses.

Sherman said these sanctions are outdated because "no charters are authorized by the University and only in the days when the social schedule of a group could be pulled did social probation and the restriction of University facilities have value."

However, members of the Student Conduct Committee were not yet ready to propose meaningful types of sanctions which could be imposed for University offenses.

Other changes in the "Code of Student Conduct" include erasing sanctions for violating closing hour restrictions and visiting hour rules in the dormitories and striking "restriction to campus living quarters" and the "denial of the use of an automobile for a designated time" as sanctions.

Provisions added to the conduct code include:

— "Restitution for damaged, stolen or misappropriated property or stolen or misappropriated money."

— "Malicious destruction, damage or misuse of University property owned or controlled by the University, including library materials, or of private property on the campus on real estate or in vehicles owned or controlled by the University."

Also, in a special State of the University message, University President Robert Clark spoke to the senate about the suggestion of the State System of Higher Education Chancellor Roy Lieuallen to merge the University of Oregon Medical, Dental and Nursing schools and change the name.

Although these three schools presently have only "nominal relationships" with the University, Clark said that additional ties such as residential requirements and curriculum contracts for special education personnel do exist.

The catalyst for the move to separate the three schools from the University of Oregon, Clark said, may be seen in the trend in larger states toward centralization of medical schools.

The cost of separating the three schools from the University would be about $35,000 to $40,000 for an "administrator who might be called a president." Clark added, though, that this would be a low salary figure.

Several names have been proposed if the Medical, Dental, and Nursing schools do merge. Possibilities include Oregon College of Health Sciences, Oregon Institute of Medical Science, and Oregon Institute of Health Sciences.

The possible merger of the three schools is presently being considered by the State Board of Higher Education.

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Branch robbed for third time

The University Branch of First National Bank of Oregon was robbed Dec. 27, marking the third time the bank was hit by robbery in 1972.

According to Eugene Police officials, a young man with a pistol entered the University bank branch at 1380 Villard St. at about 3:45 p.m. with a brown leather briefcase.

At a teller's window, the man opened the briefcase, displayed the gun, and gave her a note saying he had a gun and wanted money, police and bank officials said.

The teller took approximately $1000 from her cash drawer and put it in the man's briefcase, police said, and the man walked out of the bank.

The robber was described as about 25 to 30 years old, between five feet 10 inches to six feet tall, medium build, long blond hair tucked under a stocking cap and blue eyes, a short scraggly goatee, blue jeans, a wool black and white plaid "jack shirt," and cowboy boots.

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