

Constitution debate may end

Deliberations on a proposed new Foreign Student Organization (FSO) constitution may be concluded tomorrow at a meeting of the FSO executive board.

Ranjan Ray, board chairer, commented after Wednesday's board meeting that "hopefully" the next meeting would be the final session before the constitution is submitted to the FSO for approval.

His comment came after the board had finished discussion on six pages of the 16-page document. In three previous

board meetings, little or no discussion of the constitution had occurred, although it had been on the agendas.

The membership of the Executive Council drew the only heated discussion during the constitutional debate. A clause stating that the council should "include not more than one of the elected presidents, directors or representatives from each of the foreign student organizations and the FSO executive officers" was approved by a 7 to 4 vote.

The clause was not recommended by the board to the FSO

because it did not receive approval from three-fourths of the board members present. The clause, however, will be submitted to the FSO.

An alternate clause to have the council include "one representative for each 100 or fewer students" from each organization" with one additional representative up to two representatives including the elected executive officers" of the FSO was approved for submission to the FSO.

An earlier alternate proposal to include one representative for each 50 members of a foreign student organization up to three representatives, made by Chen Hing Tack, was supported by United Kingdom representative Fred Loveys. He felt it would keep "sufficient variety" on the council, but would also stop the chance of dominance from any one organization.

Australian Laurie Miller then introduced the alternate proposal that was submitted to the FSO.

In other business, the board welcomed the addition of the Australian Student Association, and Ray appointed a representative of the Chinese Student Association, Loveys and FSO Executive Secretary Arshad Pirani to draft next year's budget and submit it at the next board meeting.

Media Inc. gives aid to minority businesses

"What would you do if you walked into a room full of Black people?"

That's what Joe Bostic, executive director of Media Inc. (Metropolitan Economic Industrial Alliance Inc.) asked of 30 University students Wednesday evening. The students are members of Consumer Problems of the Poor, a University SEARCH class, which is planning field work in the Black Model Cities area of Portland for the spring term.

"Generally Black people in the Model Cities area will be open and responsive to you as Whites - but you can expect a certain amount of hostility," said Bostic,

who is Black. He was referring to the reception the University students will meet when they enter the Black community.

Media Inc. is a federally funded, non-profit organization which delivers limited financial assistance, and management counseling to new and existing Portland Model Cities area.

Media Inc. receives an annual budget of \$200,000 and has a technical staff of 14. The Media Inc. staff prepares feasibility and management studies of the competition new businesses can expect to face in the inner city.

"We (Media Inc.) are probably the most lenient lending institution for minority businesses. Most people, even middle class people, don't have the capital to start a business. That is what we are here for," Bostic said.

Media Inc. has a board of directors who are members of the established Portland business community. "Their ideas of success are different from those of the minority people who are just starting in business," said Bostic.

IUS passes resolution

Two resolutions dealing with affirmative action were passed unanimously by the Inter-Institution of Students (IUS) at its monthly meeting held Saturday morning at the EMU.

The resolutions will be presented to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon.

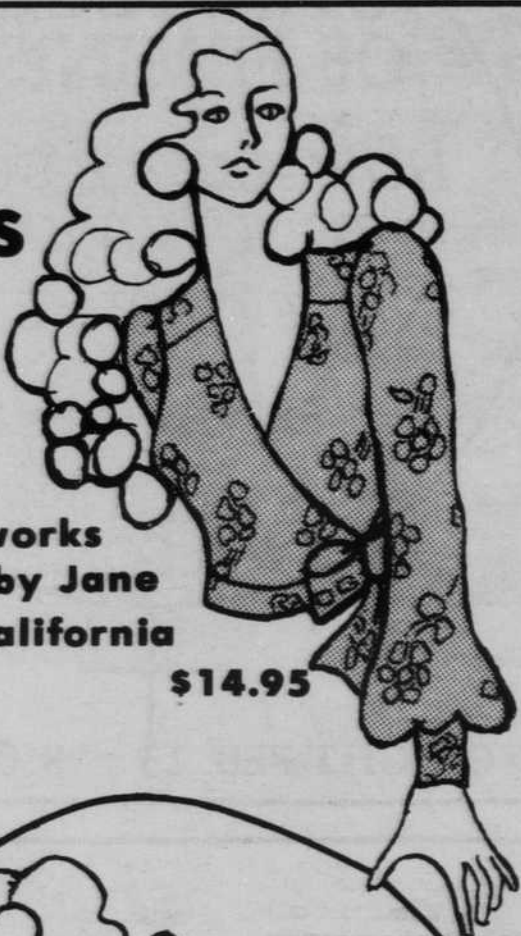
The first resolution passed calls for the State Board of Higher Education to promote legislative policy in establishing guidelines to promote affirmative action in its hiring, promotion, and granting of tenure to women and minorities. Also, the IUS wants the guidelines written in such a manner that they insure objective evaluation not based on sex, race, age or personal circumstances.

The second resolution passed deals with affirmative action guidelines in the State Board of Education Admission policies for women and minorities to professional and graduate programs. The IUS called on the state board to promote legislation to insure objective admissions criteria.

Both resolutions, if passed by the state legislature, would serve as directives to state agencies, in particular the State Board of Higher Education, according to IUS chairer Joan Eggleston.

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