

Proposed health agency applies for federal aid

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Western Oregon may be on the way to forming a new health planning agency if federal funding can be provided.

The Western Oregon Health Systems Agency Development Project has applied to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) for federal

support for the agency. They are requesting approximately \$315,000 for the agency's first year of operation to be used primarily for staffing and organization.

Development of the Health Systems Agency (HSA) is a result of the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974, an attempt by Congress to assure equal access to health care.

The Western Oregon HSA will be one of three in Oregon. There will also be a northwest or Portland area HSA and an

Eastern Oregon HSA, which will serve the area east of the Cascades.

These agencies would be under a statewide Health Coordinating Council, which would in turn be accountable to HEW.

The HSA would be composed of consumers as well as providers of health care and would include elected officials.

The Western Oregon HSA Development Project and the Lane Council of Governments (L-COG) are seeking public input on the proposal, and so far, they haven't had many kind words.

Accountability to the public

concerned many of the persons who spoke at L-COG's Tuesday public meeting. Minority group representation and representation for volunteer agencies, such as the White Bird organization, were also mentioned.

L-COG will be using comments from its public meetings to aid in its required review of the agency's application.

A copy of the 173-page HSA application is available for study at the L-COG offices, 135 E. 6th Ave., Eugene.

The HSA steering committee will meet today at 10 a.m. at Pacific First Federal Savings and Loan, 640 North A St., Springfield.

Budget input ends today

The last in a three-day series of public budget hearings on 1976-77 allocations of student incidental fees will be held today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Forum Room, EMU.

Today's hearing will feature discussion of proposed budgets for the EMU, athletics, minorities and miscellaneous programs.

Tuesday's hearing featured ASUO governing bodies and informational and service-oriented programs.

Sponsored by the ASUO Executive, the hearings are designed to solicit student input into the annual budgeting process.

Specific programs on today's agenda include: the EMU, EMU Board, Athletic Department, Women's Intercollegiate Athletics, Native American Student Union, Black Student Union, MEChA and the Asian American Student Union.

Also to be discussed are: the Chinese Student Association, 3-D Self Development, Gay People's Alliance, Alert, International Education Center, Recreational Folk Dance, Repertory Dancers, Action Now, University Theater and the Foreign Student Organization.

Students seek control of incidental fees

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The continuing student struggle to gain more say in education will be carried one notch further Saturday.

Representatives of the Associated Oregon Student Lobby (AOSL) will discuss during a meeting at Oregon College of Education (OCE) in Monmouth a proposal designed to give students full control of incidental fees.

Kirby Garrett, ASUO vice-president and chairman of the AOSL, will present the proposal as an amendment to Oregon Revised Statutes 351.070, which states that incidental fee allocation is "under the supervision or control of the board (State Board of Higher Education)."

"As it is now, the university president or the state board may veto the student budget in whole or in part with no recourse whatever for the student association," explains Garrett.

The amendment, which authorizes "to the recognized student association of the institution concerned, the authority to allocate and disburse incidental fees" involves three key elements.

The proposal would change the status of "student government" to "student association." Students would receive complete control to allocate and disburse their own fees.

In addition, the scope of incidental fees would be extended from the cultural and physical development of students to protecting and improving the interests of

students in obtaining an education, and for activities advantageous to the social development of students.

Garrett states that this would bring back the "consumer element" of education.

"Student organizations are mature enough and responsible enough to budget their fees. It is a worn out ideal to have to check with Boyd or the State Board."

Garrett explained that, although the board or administration veto had not been practiced recently, "it is a matter of principle."

"The threat of it could be very damaging to students, and students should not be under the gun like that. Psychologically, we need the same independence the faculty association has," he said.

University Pres. William Boyd was on vacation and could not be

reached for comment on the proposed amendment.

Garrett hopes that the AOSL will see support for the proposal from the State Board's Inter-Governmental Affairs committee this month.

Among other topics to be discussed by the AOSL Saturday include the possibility of tax credit for tuition and legislation of student unionization.

Group collects for quake relief

Members of the Ananda Marga Society will be collecting donations for Guatemalan earthquake relief today on campus.

Several members of the Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) were in Guatemala City the day the quake hit.

According to AMURT, members work for free, administrative costs are minimal and 90 per cent of all money collected is expected to be used for direct services such as food and medicines. A table will be on the EMU Terrace from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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