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'D' goes back to the drawing board

By **WALLY BENSON**
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After plodding through two University Senate meetings, two General Faculty meetings and numerous amendments, the D grade proposal was sent down a different route by the General Faculty Wednesday.

It's heading back to committee.

The faculty approved the idea of returning the D grade at its March meeting, but until this month de-

layed further discussion on such items as the 85 percentile rule vs. the grade point average (GPA). The 85 percentile rule states that 85 percent of all work graded A, B, C, D, P, F or N completed at the University must be passed satisfactorily. The D grade proposal would reinstate the GPA system.

The motion to refer the proposal back to committee was overwhelmingly passed. Ironically, the possibility of such a motion first

was suggested by the sponsor of the motion, William Lamon, teacher education associate professor.

"Unless we once and for all come to an agreement whether we have a GPA or an 85 percentile rule, I will move to return the motion to committee," Lamon told his colleagues at the meeting's outset.

Shortly after, Dave Hercher officially moved to send the motion back to the committee it came from — the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Procedures. Hercher, a member of the committee, said he saw several flaws which he would like the committee to re-evaluate.

Support for the motion surfaced quickly. University Registrar J. Spencer Carlson said the confusion surrounding the issue is reason enough to return the proposal.

"What we're involved in is a whole series of minor changes," Carlson said. "The initial legislation was a unified piece of legislation when it was presented in March. Look at what we're doing now — we've gotten ourselves in such a mess we don't know what we're doing."

There was, however, a smattering of opposition to the motion. James Tattersall, economics professor, expressed a desire to discuss the D grade proposal.

"The committee gave us a reasonably comprehensive proposal before we started the amendment process," he said. "How much can one expect of the committee? They've worked months and months on it already."

Tattersall proved to be in the minority, though, as the vote to send the motion back to the committee was 61-24.

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Group suggests no tuition increase

By **CHRIS JUPP**
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Tuition should not be increased during the 1977-79 bicennium according to budget recommendations the Interinstitutional Fee Committee will present to the State Board of Higher Education.

But Freeman Holmer, Vice-Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, said he "would not be at all surprised" if the legislature forces another tuition hike.

Holmer presented several tuition programs to the committee Tuesday and the committee approved most of his guidelines and will present amended proposals to the State Board on April 29. The board must consider the proposals and present their final budget recommendations to next year's legislature.

Although the IFC proposed lowering the students' burden in supporting education, their re-

commendations are a "hollow promise," claims Jim Bernau, ASUO president.

"The committee is saying that we should keep the tuition dollar level the same, but at the same time they are talking about keeping the percentage level of student support the same. The two figures don't jive since the total budget is going to increase. Of course the legislature will want students to keep supporting 27 per cent of the budget."

The IFC considered several innovative approaches to tuition distribution, but turned each down in favor of previously accepted methods.

One proposal dealt with lowering non-resident tuitions in order to stop the accelerating decrease in out-of-state students. Proponents of the plan argued that if residents paid 80 per cent of their educational costs, the increase in students attracted to Oregon would actually increase revenue.

Bernau supported the plan and criticized the committee for a lack of clear analysis and imagination in its decision. "The decline in out-of-state students is killing us," Bernau said. "The decision shows a total lack of analysis."

Holmer defended the decision saying that lowering non-resident tuition would cause too many political difficulties. "The legislature will ask if the education system is bettered and if the economy is helped by having more out-of-state students." He said he didn't want to take the risk of confronting the legislators with a proposal that didn't have proof of its benefits.

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