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Senate ayes motion to revamp program

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The University Senate passed a motion Wednesday calling for the development of a committee of faculty, students and minority representatives which will revamp the minority program at the University. The committee will be formed if and when the General Faculty approves the Senate recommendations at its meeting next Wednesday.

The ASUO didn't fare so well, however, as its motion to allow release of faculty course evaluations to students was strongly defeated.

The motion regarding the minority program was one of three motions brought before the Senate by the Educational Opportunities Committee (EOC). The EOC, a committee which has been evaluating the Academic Opportunities Program since October, got its first motion past the Senate last Wednesday. The committee withdrew its second motion, because it was decided that motion did not need Senate or faculty approval.

The third motion, calling for the minority committee, passed easily Wednesday with a vote of 32 in favor, none opposed and one abstention. Ron Atwood, member of the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) proposed that the new minority program committee include students other than just minorities, and his amendment passed. Stoddard Malarkey, assistant dean of liberal arts, argued that the motion did not include specific wording relating to disadvantaged whites, but the majority of the Senate felt that poor whites could be considered "minority/disadvantaged students."

The senate was not nearly as receptive to a motion made by Dave Walsh, SUAB chairer, which proposed that "student classroom survey evaluation data shall be released to students upon request to the appropriate departments." After Walsh introduced his motion, backed by ASUO Pres. Jim Bernau, faculty members of the Senate expressed some distrust of the motion. Much of the discussion was reminiscent of earlier protests when the ASUO brought similar proposals before the State Board of Higher Education, Pres. Boyd and the faculty.

"Students are not in a good position to evaluate courses at the time when they are asked to do the evaluating," said Orval Etter, CSPA associate professor. "The conditions are not standard enough, and there are not enough safeguards."

LaVerne Krause, art professor, claimed that having a bad professor for a class is not necessarily a bad thing. "I tell my students that they can learn just as much from bad art as from good art. Bad teachers teach you plenty."

Many of the faculty were confused over an ASUO mix-up that may have hurt the proposal. A letter sent to senate members by ASUO administrative assistant Peter Spratt told them that any information on faculty members would not be published unless the students had that faculty member's explicit consent. Spratt and Walsh later had to explain that such a provision could not be guaranteed.

Even after some of the confusion died out, the senate voted the motion down by a vote of 17 to 10, with eight abstentions. After the meeting, Walsh said that he was planning to withdraw the motion and not bring it before the faculty until some modifications were made.

"We'll have to reassess what the faculty will feel comfortable with," he said. "I still believe the majority of the faculty is favorable to the idea, they're just concerned about some of the details of the operation and about provision of safeguards." Walsh said the SUAB will hopefully bring a new proposal before the senate next month.

In other action, the senate elected Beverly Fagot, assistant professor of psychology, to a three-year term on the Inter-Institutional Faculty Senate.



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Lofty Spring Breeze

In the balmy spring weather Dennis Oliphant makes an effort to keep his kite in the air.

16 candidates win in ASUO primary election

Boasting a maximum of 65 to 75 votes per candidate, 16 candidates turned up winners as ASUO primary elections for Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) positions and class offices closed Wednesday afternoon.

SUAB candidates who emerged as winners in their respective races include (along with their vote tallies): Braulie Escobar, 65, Law, CSPA; Todd Mains, 4, Education and Librarianship No. 5; Kevin Ramsey, 3, Health, P.E. and Recreation; Susan La Flamme, 5, Education and Librarianship No. 6; Lee Scarborough, 15, Biology and Pre-med; Mark Sykes, 11, Science and Math; Ron Bills, 38, Architecture and Allied Arts; Cathy Tearnen, 13, Psychology; Emily Weisensee, 16, Liberal Arts; and Mark Flaherty, 12, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Sciences.

Two SUAB races — Business Adminis-

tration (No. 3) and Romance Languages, Religion, Geography, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Computer Studies (No. 18) — will extend into the run-off elections. Contenders in the run-off, scheduled for early May, will be David Stewart and Kim Defenderfer for No. 3 and Tom Millegan and Jeff Warren for No. 18. Primary vote tallies for those candidates were: Stewart, 30; Defenderfer, 23; Millegan, 9; and Warren, 9.

Six of the nine class offices up for grabs during the spring elections were also decided at the polls Tuesday and Wednesday. Winning sophomore positions were Larry Beard who took the vice-presidency with 46 of 61 votes cast and Michael Rappleyea who was elected secretary-treasurer with 48 of the 61 votes cast.

All three of the junior class positions were decided during the primary. Winners and

tallies include: Tim Flynn, president, 34; John Blackmore, vice-president, 38; and Sheryl Huff, secretary-treasurer, 37.

The senior class vice-presidency was taken during the two-day primary by Janet Swift with a total of 75 votes. The senior presidential race will extend into the run-off with Jane Harris and Benny Barnes vying for voter support. Harris received 61 votes in the primary. Barnes garnered 55.

Only 385 students showed up at the polls during the two-day primary which opened at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Of that number, 168 voted on Tuesday and 217 on Wednesday.

Students who have not posted their ballots for ASUO president, OSPIRG, and IFC races should hand-deliver them to the ASUO, Suite 4 EMU, to insure arrival by the 5 p.m. deadline Friday. Students who did not receive ballots in the mail may pick one up at Suite 4.

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New Dean

The journalism school found one after a six-month long search. Page 3.

Music

Live music highlights several taverns close to campus. Page 1B.

Softball

Oregon's women's softball team won a doubleheader in Corvallis to qualify for a national tournament. Page 16.