

Financial committee sets tuition policy

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After most students and faculty had deserted campus, members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education met in the EMU Dec. 15 and 16 for committee meetings and the annual joint meeting with other state education agencies.

The board's finance committee adopted a statement of tuition philosophy which opposed tying tuition to fixed percentages. Before board member Jonathon Ater made that motion, he said, "The

Course requirement discussion highlights meeting

percentage approach makes no sense to me at all."

Ater said instruction fees should be determined only after thorough consideration of available state resources, academic implications and social implications.

The boards of education and higher education and the Educational Coordinating Commission discussed the possibility of adding course requirements to current

grade point average-based admissions requirements of state system institutions.

A previously rejected proposal which would require high school students to complete certain courses before gaining admission to state system schools was presented by higher education board member Edward Harms.

Harms said his proposed requirement would serve as a better predictor of academic success in college and produce better educated high school students. The requirement, which would not begin until at least 1982, would also result in fewer remedial college courses, he said.

Despite their rejection of Harms' proposal in a September 1978 meeting, board members directed the state system staff to determine the effect that required coursework would have on Oregon's educational system.

State system vice chancellor Miles Romney outlined the progress of research for the joint board. He said hundreds of high school counselors and principals, as well as citizens at large, will be polled in the study.

Romney will meet with representatives from the three education groups in three months to discuss preliminary findings.

Education board member Sedley Stuart said a decision on such

a proposal could not be made "without taking into account what it will do to all of education in the state."

The board's instruction committee discussed the rough draft of new guidelines — prepared by state system staff — for Portland State University which later drew criticism from PSU officials.

"This draft is not likely to be greeted with a high degree of enthusiasm at PSU," PSU Pres. Joseph Blumel told the committee. "It seems to me to have a tone that is somewhat negative and restrictive in its view of the future of the university."

Dr. Edward Grubbs, chairer of the PSU faculty committee that completed a "Goals and Mission Statement" last spring, said the draft lacked "commitment on the part of the state."

Several board members suggested ways to improve the guidelines, including a later draft to be submitted to PSU for review before it is presented to the committee.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen told the committee that having a number of higher education schools in Oregon means that guidelines must be restrictive because "...you have to define what share of the goal (to provide education) each institution must play."

The instruction committee also

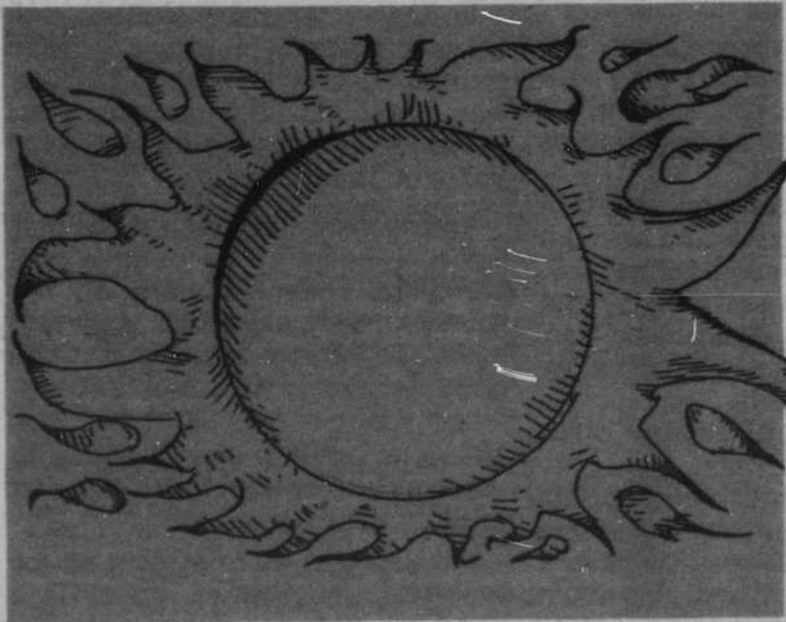
discussed the first part of an affirmative action-equal opportunity progress report. The policy of providing most financial aid to full-time students and little to part-timers may be discriminatory, according to state system compliance officer Melinda Grier and University Vice-President Paul Olum.

Olum said many part-time students are women with children who can not attend full time. Handicapped students are often physically unable to carry a full course load, Grier Says. The committee will review the second part of the progress report which focuses on equal opportunity in intercollegiate athletics and employment in its February meeting.

A staff report presented to the finance committee shows state system gifts, grants and contracts for 1977-78 totaled \$83.5 million, an increase of .6 percent over the previous year.

But Richard Perry, director of management and planning services for the Office of Administration, told members that the slight gain is misleading because income from federal sources declined by \$3.9 million. An increase in funding from state and private sources created the slight gain in gift income, he said.

In other business the finance committee approved a long-range plan to improve the security, storage and climate control with the University Museum of Art, and to provide accessibility to handicapped persons.



Workshops set on solar energy

The University Solar Energy Center has scheduled a series of free public talks and workshops this winter for Oregonians who want to learn more about how to utilize solar energy.

Initial sessions in the series will be a "Solar Water Heater Workshop" to be offered Friday and Saturday at the Extension Services Building at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

The workshops, to run from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, will give participants an opportunity to assemble solar energy collectors and to assist in the installation of a complete solar waterheating system in the Extension Services Building, according to John Hogan of the center.

Persons who want to obtain more information or register for the workshops, should call Sabin Lamson of the Lane County Office of Housing and Community Development — co-sponsor of the workshops — at 687-3900.

Other scheduled presentations in the Solar Energy Center's winter series include:

- A review Wednesday of solar water heater installation techniques. The review will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the EMU. The room number will be posted in the main lobby. Conducting the session will be Dan Kaehn, John Reynolds and Hogan of the Solar Energy Center.

- A talk Jan. 24, entitled "Changing Solar Economics With an Update on PGE Solar Projects" by Doug Boleyn, president of the Pacific Northwest Solar Energy Association. The 12:30 p.m. talk will be held in the EMU, room number to be posted.

Bookstore revises hours

Students who visited the bookstore Thursday evening found that the bookstore was not open until 8 p.m. as was previously announced.

Due to poor road conditions, the bookstore closed at its regular 5:30 p.m. closing time to allow bookstore employees to leave early. Instead, the bookstore will remain open until 8 p.m. today and Monday.

Bookstore Manager Jim Williams says he apologizes for any inconvenience but that he was concerned for the safety of his employees.

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