

SUAB backs off Kill clause safe

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The Student University Affairs Board decided to withdraw its motion to discuss the University Assembly's "kill clause" in a meeting Wednesday.

The clause allows the faculty members of the Assembly to vote out student members.

"If we stike the clause, we will be getting rid of SUAB," said Chairer Gary McMahon, adding that if the board pursues the motion it will probably be ruled out of order.

McMahon read a letter from University Pres. William Boyd advising the SUAB to withdraw its motion. Boyd said in the letter that the original charter of the University Assembly delegated authority to faculty members, and the Assembly was legally advised to adopt a provision so that students could be included in the Assembly.

The Assembly was advised to reserve the right to withdraw its delegation of authority to students by vote of Assembly members, Boyd wrote. The result was the kill clause.

Boyd also wrote that he has spoken to the state attorney general about the

clause and both concluded "it would actually be illegal for the faculty to make a permanent delegation of its statutory authority" to student members.

"I think we should drop it before they (the faculty) 'kill' us," said SUAB member Mike Haddock.

Dave Hebert, an ASUO lobbyist, urged board members to travel to Salem Monday to be at the work session of the Joint Ways and Means Committee when the committee examines the budget for Oregon's higher education system.

"From what I hear there's going to be some cuts," he said. "It's real important to get students to that meeting."

That pressure is really needed.

"You're the leaders on campus," said Amy Tobias. "If you don't show up, who will?" Tobias told the SUAB to call members of the committee at 1-800-425-7813 to express concern about the direction of higher education.

The board also elected CSPA major Jess Barton as chairer and Carrie Winegar, an english major, as vice chairer and decided, at Barton's suggestion, that next Friday be the deadline for a poll SUAB is doing on student evaluations.

New SUAB head promises action



Jess Barton

Photo by Keith Allen

The worst thing any governmental body can do is be unresponsive to its constituency, says Jess Barton, the new Student University Affairs Board chairer.

The \$12,000 SUAB received from the Incidental Fee Committee this year wasn't used properly, he adds.

"The students didn't get their money's worth," Barton says he will try to make SUAB worth \$12,000 next year.

"Our most important duty is to be responsive to students. I don't want them to pay us for nothing."

Barton says the SUAB will either do \$12,000 worth of work or use less than \$12,000. He says he sees no problem with freezing board member's salaries.

"I'm not looking for incentive from board members," he says of his plan.

Barton says he has no specific plans for the SUAB although he is personally interested in a few University issues.

"I don't want to be the person with all the ideas on the board," he says. "It would be nice if the 17 other members had plans and ideas."

Barton says 1979-80 ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett's interest in the SUAB is encouraging.

"I really want close contact with the ASUO executive," he says. "I think he's going to be very effective."

Barton says he sees the relationship between the SUAB and Bassett as complimentary. "We should help each other."

SUAB should concentrate on University-related issues except in special cases, such as the faculty evaluations bill and tuition, Barton says.

"SUAB should concentrate on things that directly affect the University."

Barton admits SUAB hasn't done very much this year. "I don't want to dwell on this year," he says, "but I don't want to forget it either."

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