

Faculty scrubs PE requirement

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After more than four decades as part of the University curriculum, the physical education requirement hit the showers Wednesday.

The University Assembly overwhelmingly approved a motion to eliminate the five-term requirement, including an amendment expressing "annoyance" with academic cuts made for financial reasons.

Beginning fall term 1982, students no longer will be required to take PE classes, although courses still will be offered for an additional fee. The department plans to keep all its faculty, says Celeste Ulrich, health, recreation and physical education dean.

PE department head Michael Ellis, who made the motion to drop the require-

ment, said he regrets having to make the change.

"This could be extremely disruptive to a very large department," Ellis said.

But dropping the requirement is the only way to deal with a financial setback imposed by the Legislature, he said. Physical education is too important to be deleted by a budget footnote, Ellis said.

The state Legislature cut PE general fund support during its last session. The cut would have required the University to slice \$150,000 from other programs to fund the department.

The requirement was an obstacle that prevented the PE department from becoming self-supporting, Ellis said. If physical education must pay its own way with user fees, it can't require students to take the courses, he said.

Mathematics prof. Lewis Ward, one of three faculty members who voted against

the motion at a senate meeting last week, suggested faculty approve an amendment indicating the Legislature should not solve budget problems by mandating curriculum cuts.

Faculty members quickly approved the amendment, which approves dropping the requirement "because of a legislative budget note and not for any academic reasons."

Ulrich said she was not pleased by the situation that prompted Wednesday's action.

"You can't be glad when you've watched something die," she said.

But the amendment indicated the faculty's support of the PE program, Ulrich said. PE fees will be kept as low as possible next year by relying more on community fees, she said.

"The more successful we are, the lower the cost."



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Olum relays proposed budget cuts to faculty

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Budget cuts suggested by Pres. Paul Olum would suspend the international education program for a year, freeze searches to fill a number of key administrative positions and leave the University with the equivalent of 85 to 90 fewer faculty than it was supposed to have in 1982-83.

Olum announced the cuts — which equal another 4-percent reduction in the University's budget — at a University Assembly Wednesday, just four days before a deadline set by Roy Lieuallen, Chancellor of the State Board of Higher Education.

The cuts will cost the University budget another \$2.14 million next year.

They include eliminating the natural history museum, filling senior-level faculty positions by making junior-level appointments, closing the art museum two months during the summer, and reducing the amount spent on services, supplies and administration.

"None of us like it, but we don't know where else to get it," Olum said of the cuts, which drew criticism from faculty members at the assembly.

"We have tried our best to look at alternatives that are better."

Faculty asked Olum to discuss those alternatives, but he refused to identify areas that were considered. Those programs would think of themselves as "next on the list," needlessly damaging morale, he said.

Olum said faculty may wonder why he is presenting additional cuts after saying in September that all reductions were in place. But the chancellor's office sent

new guidelines after that date identifying several thousands of dollars in additional cuts, he said.

The reductions proposed Wednesday comply with cuts in Gov. Victor Atiyeh's budget, underfunding of the Oregon Public Employee's Union contract, legislative cuts carried into next year and "quite a bit more," as requested by the chancellor, Olum said.

All cuts already are in place, and have been discussed by the Advisory Council, deans and department heads, he said.

But faculty members voiced a number of concerns Wednesday, including worries over the effects of the cuts on University quality, the priority given to restoring areas cut, and the rationale behind some of the reductions.

Much of the discussion concerned freezing the international education program, which sends students to a number of countries, including France, England and Japan.

By suspending the program for one year, the University will save nearly \$150,000, Olum said, promising the program would be the first area to be restored.

However, the move may not be reversible, and it could impoverish the University in terms of culture and foreign exchange, faculty members said.

The Advisory Council has encouraged Olum to look at all possible alternatives to suspending the University's participation in the program, said political science head Larry Pierce, a council member.

Upcoming searches for several administrative posts also will be shelved, Olum said.

Positions that will be filled by acting administrators — or

faculty already at the University — include the provost, a vice provost, the allied arts and architecture dean, the community services and public affairs dean, the computing director, the law librarian and several others still to come.

"These are expensive positions," Olum said, and filling them with people already at the University should save \$280,000.

However, Olum asked faculty to keep in mind that the freeze was only to cope with the current financial crisis.

"We ought to review where we stand on all of this in two years."

Regarding the 85 to 90 full-time-equivalent positions to be left open, Olum said no tenured faculty or personnel in the middle of contracts will be laid off.

The number of positions cut would have been about 10 percent of the 1982-83 faculty members.

Instead, cuts will be met by not rehiring some personnel whose contracts have expired, not filling positions of some who quit or retire, leaving the positions of faculty on leave of absences open, and not filling new positions.

For those positions that absolutely have to be filled, Olum said there would be a "firm insistence" on hiring faculty at the junior level to save on salaries and fringe benefits, even though the position might have been one of a senior faculty member.

Further cuts were made in the amount to be spent for heat, supplies and maintenance, which are "going to make it pretty tight," he said.

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Derek Bell
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Panelists go after Reagan's policies

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Pres. Reagan's social policies are based on a contradicting ideology that singles out the poor, women and other minority groups, a panel told an EMU Ballroom crowd Wednesday night.

Reagan's "conservative liberalism" contains contradictions because of its simultaneous defense of the market system and the traditional values of family and religion, said Cheyney Ryan, an associate professor of philosophy and vice president of the Federation of Teachers.

"The commitment to both at

the same time causes the greatest source of hypocrisy in the new right," Ryan said.

For example, Reagan's policies oppose abortion, yet defend the rights of corporations to distribute potentially poisonous baby formula to infants in Third World countries, she said.

Such conservative economic views are translated into social policies that have hit lower-income people — especially women — the hardest, said Rep. Margie Hendriksen, D-Eugene, also a founder of the National Caucus of Women.

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