

Education leaves available on 'extremely limited' basis

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Education leaves are now available to University faculty, but Provost Richard Hill says the University will make extremely limited use of the semi-sabbaticals.

However, 12 faculty at state higher education institutions already have requested the leaves, according to Bill Lemman, the State System of Higher Education's vice chancellor for administration.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen has approved the requests from four faculty each at Oregon State University, the Oregon Institute of Technology and the Oregon Health Sciences University, Lemman says.

No formal requests have yet been made at the University, but there have been two informal requests, Hill says.

The State Board of Higher Education approved the education leaves at its March meeting largely as a money-saving device. Faculty who choose the option get a leave with half pay but don't have to meet the restrictions imposed on faculty taking sabbatical leaves.

The state board's guidelines do specify that

the leave must have an educational purpose. Of the faculty taking the leaves so far, more than half are going to complete their doctoral degrees, Lemman says.

No limit has been set on the number of faculty who can take the leaves, he says.

Hill says the leaves will be allowed at the University only in "rare cases" where the leave is in the best interest of the school, such as securing additional resources such as grants and contracts. "I don't even want to encourage that," he says.

Everyone recognizes that the leaves are not in the best interests of the University, Hill says, noting that the faculty is already strapped and the leaves could further drain tight resources.

Although he says he doubts the leaves will be used on this campus, he says he doesn't want to rule out the possibility of granting one or two. Certain departments won't be eligible at all, because of the demands on faculty, he says.

Lemman says institutions are responsible for deciding whether they can spare the faculty member for up to a year. The state system office inspects the requests only to make sure they meet state board guidelines, he says.

Musical extends performance

Sandy Wilson's musical comedy "The Boyfriend" has been extended for two additional performances Friday and Saturday at the University Theatre.

The 1954 Broadway musical, which recreates the era of the Jazz Age and the Roaring Twenties, will begin at 8 p.m. on the Robinson Theatre stage on both nights.

Reserved-seat tickets are available at the University Theatre box office at 686-4191 from noon to 4 p.m. Prices are \$4.50 for the general public, \$2.75 for University students and senior citizens, and \$3.50 for other students.

Wilson's scores include "I Could Be Happy With You," "It's Never Too Late to Fall In Love," "Perfect Young Ladies," "Won't You Charleston With Me," and the title number "The Boyfriend."



Clarification

To further clarify the article about History Prof. Barbara Green that appeared in last Thursday's Emerald, Sharon Claeysens, a graduate teaching fellow in the sociology department, said audience members did not say that Green had been told her visiting professorship would be for two years, and was then notified that it had been changed to one.

Audience members were complaining that the visiting position Green now holds had been advertised in trade journals to be a two-year assistant professorship for next year, Claeysens said. Green applied for that two-year position. After the job was offered to Tyrone Tillery, an assistant professor at Wayne State University, it was changed to a one-year visiting professorship.

Claeysens said she was concerned that it might appear audience members were "playing off one minority faculty member against another," when actually they were raising concerns about the change in the title and term of the position after it already had been advertised.

Bean McFadden, University affirmative action director, said the change was "gone into very carefully" before it was made. There are no clear-cut guidelines on whether it is permissible to change a position description after it has been advertised, and the question to be answered is whether the University followed its own guidelines, McFadden says. The Portland office of the U.S. Department of Labor and the University Provost's office both are investigating the matter, she says.

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