

Approve motion for minor, no Measure 3, senate says

The University Senate recommended approval of a motion granting a formal minor in a unanimous vote with one abstention during its Wednesday meeting.

The Senate made no amendments to the motion presented by Joseph Hynes, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, but asked questions to clarify the intent of the motion.

The motion allows any degree-granting program to establish a program for a formal minor, which would be noted on student transcripts. It requires 24 hours minimum with 15 hours of upper division credit minimum for the minor.

The motion also allows the individual department to determine whether it wants to offer a minor program and if it does, the actual courses required and grading option.

"The most pragmatic reason to have a formal minor program is to structure a second pack of study in addition to the major," said Hynes.

Marliss Strange, associate director of Academic Advising and Student Services, urged the Senate to support the measure because students with multiple areas of study get jobs faster, serves as a useful guideline for students in

designating specific courses in a minor and would help recruiting efforts when prospective students look at the type of options available at the University.

No one expressed alarm about the financial implications of the motion involved in administrative and departmental paperwork and time to set up the minor program, noted Senate chairer Gerry Bogen.

Dan Allen, chairer of Student University Affairs Board, who abstained from voting, said he was concerned about the possibility of certain areas of high student interest, such as business and computer science, not setting up a minor program. He said this would make the minor program less valuable to students.

The recommended action will be presented at the Nov. 3 meeting of the University Assembly.

In other business, the Senate unanimously approved a statement opposing Measure 3.

"Our life blood depends on whether that resolution is defeated," says Celeste Ulrich, health physical education and recreation representative. "And the public needs to recognize the Senate is not in favor of it."

BBC representatives ambushed

By Sandy Johnstone
Of the Emerald

An angry confrontation erupted at an informational presentation of two employees of the British Broadcasting Corporation given Tuesday night at the journalism school.

After several inflammatory comments from Ralph McDonald, a Eugene United Ireland Support Committee representative, attacking the objectivity and connecting the BBC with British Intelligence work, journalism school Dean Everett Dennis told McDonald he was going to eject him from the meeting unless he "observed some decorum." When McDonald responded that it was a public meeting so he had a right to stay, Dennis requested that he quit insulting the speakers.

Susan Thelan, president of Women in Communications Inc., the group that sponsored the event, had asked McDonald earlier to stick to the topic most of the participants in the question and answer session were interested in, the role of women in the BBC.

In responding to McDonald's questions, Peter Brooks, news intake editor for the BBC, said

the BBC had never had any direct dealings with British Intelligence of which he was aware. He denied the assertion the BBC is a spokesperson for the British government and asked that questions be "based on facts, not propaganda."

"I was certainly on duty during most of the Falklands and the only thing we were asked to do is to delay military intelligence and troop movements so Argentina would not find out," said Brooks. "I may live a particularly sheltered life — but I doubt it."

McDonald left the meeting about mid way, which released the tension that had been building since his first question. Pamela Creighton, duty presentation organizer, who was speaking at the time, interrupted herself to express relief that he had left.

The rest of the meeting dealt with women in the BBC. Creighton explained the BBC does not require formal academic training for entry-

level jobs, but that promotions are based on experience and quality.

"It's lovely if they know what a microphone is before they come in. It's jolly nice," laughed Creighton, but she added knowledge is not a prerequisite when starting out.

Both Brooks and Creighton opposed affirmative action, saying it ends up in tokenism.

"It ruins the cause," says Creighton. "Women should earn jobs by doing what women can do already. Then (under affirmative action) women never know if they are as good as the next man or a token woman."

Brooks did say a career in the newsroom is tough on women because of the number of hours put in and the pressure.

"Rubbish," responded Creighton. She says men worry about women not being able to take the hard work and the long hours. Then if women do keep up she says men are afraid they'll be "more like the boys than the boys."

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