

Faculty supports requirements

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The University faculty showed "overwhelming" support for the proposed admissions requirements. The State Board of Higher Education will consider at its meeting next week.

In a straw vote that Pres. Paul Olum stressed was highly unrepresentative of the entire faculty, the University faculty assembly unanimously approved the requirements Wednesday afternoon.

The requirements proposed by the Chancellor include four years of English, three years of math, two years of science, three years of social studies and two years of "other college prep" courses.

Olum also answered questions about the proposal to postpone the faculty pay increase he introduced last month in his State of the University address.

The faculty considered the University adoption of a two-year foreign language

admissions requirement, and, with only slightly less consensus, agreed it would be acceptable with a provision for exceptions.

But while the faculty agreed on the general issues, many concerns were voiced during the meeting about specifics dealing with the requirements.

Many faculty members expressed concern about the date set for implementation of the new admission requirements. An implementation date of 1986 got the most support, although most people agreed the foreign language requirement, if adopted, would take longer to be implemented.

Robyn Dawes, head of the psychology department, said he thought the requirements should be phased in gradually rather than have the whole thing take effect in a particular year.

The adoption of a foreign language requirement comes in response to statistics showing Oregon students lag behind the national average in the number of students taking a foreign language.

However, not everyone was in agreement.

"Some students do not need two years of a foreign language

at the high school level," said Ron Rousseve, counseling psychology professor. "I have reservations about that two years of foreign language imposed on a student."

Paul Holbo, vice provost for academic affairs, says the new requirements are "acceptable even if they are only minimal." He strongly endorsed the foreign language requirement, adding it would make other institutions "jealous."

In budgetary matters, Olum answered questions about the proposal to postpone faculty pay. Olum said Gov. Vic Atiyeh has proposed a salary increase for faculty of 11.5 percent.

Some 5.3 percent of the pay increase was due to start Sept. 15, but will now begin at the end of March. The other 5.88 percent, rather than the 4 percent originally planned, will begin June 1.

In other business, the title of the college of Health, Physical Education and Recreation has been changed to the College of Human Development and Performance.

A motion from the Student University Affairs Board proposed setting up a system for graduating with honors.

Board ponders EMU printers, gets members

The EMU print shop needs a more aggressive marketing policy to solve its revenue problems, an EMU Board member said Wednesday.

Although the shop has good management, it has image and price problems, Jeff Nudelman said in a task force report at the EMU Board meeting. Students are unaware of the shop, and the shop's prices are not competitive with other competitors in many areas, he said.

Nudelman said he would contact a business student to perform a marketing survey to find solutions. The shop lost money last year but is projected to break even this year.

Kinko's print shop has expressed interest in moving to the EMU, Nudelman added.

In other business, the board approved Paula Jampsa, EMU board member, to replace Alan Scarce as EMU Board housing committee chair. Scarce resigned because of time constraints.

The board also approved three new members: Bret MacPherson, a interdisciplinary program graduate student, as an EMU program representative; Paul Curtis, an architecture sophomore, as EMU program representative; and Daniel Cohen, an economics and mathematics senior, as ASUO program representative.

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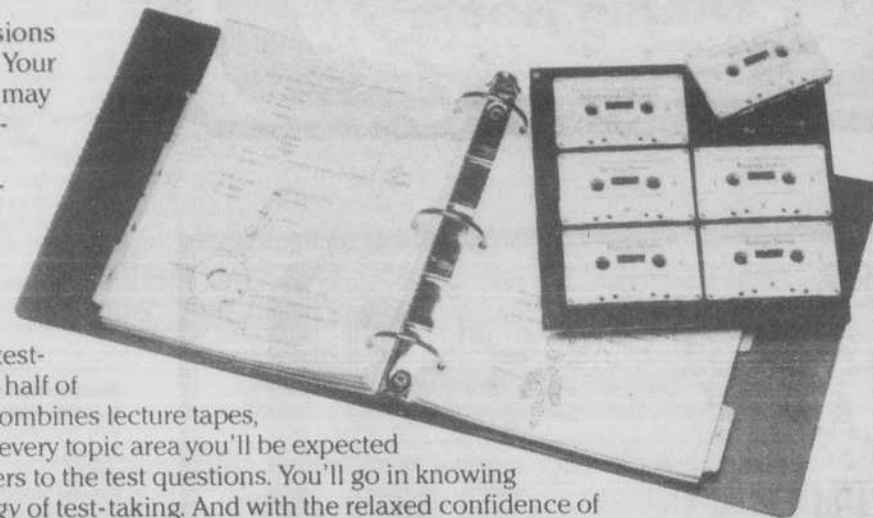
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