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In a preliminary vote, the University Assembly decided on Wednesday not to alter the percentage of student members on the University Senate — yet. Pres. Paul Olum called a Special Assembly meeting next Wednesday to decide the issue.

Student Senate membership retained

By Doug Nash
Of the Emerald

The University Assembly decided Wednesday to neither increase nor decrease the amount of student representation on the more powerful University Senate as originally proposed by a task force on faculty governance.

In separate votes, faculty members overwhelmingly rejected two proposals concerning student representation, one of which would have cut the number of students on the Senate to two from the eight originally planned, and the other which would have raised that number to 14.

Both votes were only preliminary, however. University Pres. Paul Olum called for a special Assembly session next Wednesday to decide on the entire issue.

The task force proposal gives a great deal of legislative authority to the Senate, which now serves only an advisory role. Only those measures without a two-thirds majority would be referred to the Assembly, which would meet four or five times a year.

The University president or 10 percent of the faculty also could initiate measures in the Assembly.

Under the task force proposal, faculty representation on the reformed Senate would be cut by four, from 36 to 32. Students, who presently make up a third

of the Senate, would be reduced to a fifth of the new body, from 18 students to eight.

But in Wednesday's debate, some faculty members expressed a wish to cut the student representation to two. Charles Wright, mathematics professor, argued that students "do not have the experience that the faculty have" in order to effectively make University policy decisions.

"It takes time to develop a stake in the academic values of this place that is developed by maturity," Wright said. "I'm sorry but you can't just get it in four years."

Further, Wright argued, "The students are no better represented by having eight, 10, 12 or 16 as they are by two."

But Mary Hotchkiss, ASUO president, noting that one-third of the student body is more than 25 years of age, labeled "naive" Wright's statement that students lack maturity. What's more, she said, under Wright's proposal each student would be representing about 7,500 students in the Senate.

"If it's two or if it's eight there's not going to be the student representation, there's not going to be the student input," she said.

Faculty members agreed with Hotchkiss that the student number should be greater than two, defeating Wright's proposal by a voice vote. They did not,

however, agree with a Student University Affairs Board amendment that would increase the number to 14 from the eight originally planned.

Arguing for the latter amendment, SUAB chair Mike Prothe tried to allay faculty member's fears that a SUAB proportion of a third on the new Senate would cause a power struggle between faculty and students.

"Over 90 percent of the time the student vote has been with the majority vote of the faculty," he said. "We believe that this is a system of cooperation that I think has proved very effective over the years."

However, Glen Love, English professor, was not convinced.

"Students have behaved responsibly, but it is within the clear memory of many of us when they were not — when they were occupying buildings, when they were closing down the University," Love said.

The SUAB motion failed, 103 to 37.

The Assembly also narrowly passed, 82 to 81, an amendment to the original governance proposal that allows faculty of the military science department to remain as voting members of the Assembly. Under the original task force plan, military science faculty would not be included in the Assembly because they constitute only "courtesy" faculty appointments.

Student raises ROTC issue at Portland State

By Doug Nash
Of the Emerald

A Portland State University student was on campus this week talking to student leaders about an issue he is making visible at his college, an issue already quite familiar to this University community.

Doug Pyle, coordinator of PSU Students for Lesbian and Gay Rights, says he intends to make PSU's ROTC program either conform to the university's affirmative action policy concerning sexual orientation or be terminated. ROTC conflicts with Portland State policy, he says, by prohibiting homosexuals from participating in the program.

"The ROTC program at PSU, by denying participation in its program on the basis of sexual orientation, is in clear violation of official University guidelines," according to an SLGR statement.

"This discrimination, based on outdated and oppressive attitudes, demands immediate response by University officials," the statement continues. "Any delay will cast doubt on PSU's commitment to its own affirmative action policies, which would be of grave concern to many."

Pyle says he got the idea to contest ROTC policy as a University student last year. In March, the University Assembly voted to "indefinitely postpone" Philosophy Prof. Cheyney Ryan's motion to terminate the military science department unless it ends its discriminatory practices. University Pres. Paul Olum, faculty members and student leaders are currently trying to establish a fact-finding committee on the ROTC issue.

ROTC is new to Portland State this fall, but Pyle says the issues are the same as at the University.

"The situation would be identical because ROTC does discriminate on the basis of sexual preference," Pyle says. "We're probably going to go through the same steps that we went through down here."

Those steps include talking to faculty and students about the issue and arguing his position before PSU's faculty senate, he says.

Major Morris, Portland State's affirmative action director, says he never protested ROTC's policies because "their being on campus is not non-compliance."

"In my judgement, at least, not granting commissions to homosexuals is not an ROTC policy. It's a policy of the U.S. government," Morris says.

Pyle was on campus to discuss the issue with ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss and members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Increased coordination between the two universities can only help the cause, he says.

"It's not just a University of Oregon issue. It's something that affects every place that has ROTC and their policy of discrimination."

Revised parking plan almost satisfies critics

By Michele Matassa
Of the Emerald

Eugene's traffic engineering staff came out this week with a revised West University Neighborhood parking plan that University student representatives are taking with a grain of salt.

The revision follows three weeks of meetings between the city, University students and employees of Sacred Heart Hospital and the Bureau of Land Management. Hospital employees appealed the original plan to the Eugene City Council Oct. 10.

The plan limited parking in the area west of the University to two hours for people without special permits. Those permits are free to residents of the area but cost \$17.50 for non-residents.

Students and employees thought the city ignored them while planning the program. As a result, the Council

delayed consideration of the October appeal until those groups were included and the plan re-evaluated.

Barbara McCarthy, ASUO director of University affairs, says the new plan addresses some student concerns but ignores others.

On a positive note, the plan's altered boundaries address concerns expressed by fraternities and sororities.

Under the original plan, many Greek houses between 11th Avenue and Broadway were left outside the boundaries, but they were close enough so that much of their available parking required permits. Spokespersons for the Greek system asked city officials to include them within the plan's boundaries so residents could obtain free permits.

Instead, city officials decided to exclude the area directly adjacent to the houses, leaving them more free parking spaces.

Greg Van Dyke, a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at

729 E. 11th Ave., says the adjustment benefits some, but not all, high-density dwellings such as fraternities, sororities, cooperatives and apartments.

"The changes have eliminated my personal problems with the parking proposal, but I'm not sure other organizations off campus have had their needs met," Van Dyke says. He testified at the October public hearing and has represented the Interfraternity Council in meetings with city officials.

Other changes include removing from the original plan the area adjacent to the BLM and providing free permits for Sacred Heart's low-income patients and their families.

McCarthy doesn't object to the changes the city made but to the changes it did not make.

"I'm concerned that they didn't deal with price at all.

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