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ODE

The Oregon Daily Emerald board of directors voted unanimously to change the paper's affirmative action policy Thursday night.

The previous policy included a line stating "women and minorities are encouraged to apply" within the ODE classified ads informing the public of an ODE opening. Also, the applications state that the ODE is an equal opportunity employer and instructs people where to file a complaint if they feel that they have been discriminated against.

The new policy will not eliminate any of the current practices, but will add a service. Now, before applications are closed for an ODE position, all ASUO-recognized campus minority groups will receive a form letter in their ASUO office mailboxes. The form letter will identify which ODE department has the opening, the position that is open, the application deadline, and where prospective applicants can get a more detailed job description. The letter also states that the ODE is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women and minorities to apply.

Doug Pyle, ODE board member, believed that the existing policy was inadequate and suggested a new system. The board reviewed his proposal and adopted it after clarifying what minority groups will receive the letters and changing the deadline to deliver the form letters from five days before a position is filled to before the closing of applications.

SUAB

At the Student University Affairs Board's Thursday night meeting, members considered a proposal by Registrar Herb Chereck to shorten the add/drop option's deadline from three to two weeks following the start of a term.

George Prior, SUAB representative from the

business/economics department, said about 80 percent of the SUAB members opposed Chereck's plan as it would not allow students enough time to evaluate a course.

Moving the add/drop deadline up a week also would be unrealistic as students often cannot tell how they are doing in a class until after the first exam, which is usually held during the term's third week, Prior added.

The accounting, writing and computer sciences departments have shorter deadlines for dropping or adding courses, Prior said, but he could see no real reason of Chereck's to change the deadline. "It's a real nebulous proposal," Prior added.

The proposal will be discussed at the University Senate meeting on April 3.

The board also filled three department vacancies at the meeting. Appointed were: Arthur Daret as the "undeclared" representative; Leslie Vike, physical education representative; and Dean Sidwell, representing planning, public policy and management.

Constitution Court

Members of the ASUO Constitution Court unanimously agreed Tuesday that the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group's budget request must be placed on the spring ballot every two years for student approval to receive incidental fee-originated funding.

The Incidental Fee Committee allocated \$42,775 to OSPIRG's 1985-86 budget March 11, although members of both groups were unsure as to whether OSPIRG's request must be voted on by students in April, or if the two-year referendum in Section 6.11 of the Constitution was designed as a check of student support.

Court member Jon Folkestad says OSPIRG probably will seek the repeal of that section.

Vendors

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ping on the little guy," McBurney said. "But we've been struggling to stay in business during a severe recession."

McBurney says he has been losing \$30-\$50 a day since the vendors have been around. And other area businesses report similar losses. Dave Gibson, co-owner of Kinko's Copies, 860 E. 13th Ave., also attributes his 40 percent drop in sales to the presence of the vendors.

"We're here all the time," McBurney says. "We don't have the luxury of putting wheels on our restaurants and wheeling away when business is slow."

Potts says she is more concerned about the congestion problem than the loss in business. The street vendors clog up foot traffic in an area that has always been dangerously congested, she says.

But Wilson believes the vendors have helped the problem. "If anything we are forcing pedestrians to use crosswalks," he says.

University Bookstore manager Jim Williams says that the extra people congregating around the busy corner is unsafe. He is concerned that the combination of bicyclists, pedestrians, automobiles, buses and now, the vendors has created an extreme safety hazard in the city's busiest place for foot traffic.

Williams and other merchants also believe the aesthetic quality of the area is deteriorating because of the vendors.

In a report prepared for a presentation to the the mayor last week, restaurant owners expressed their frustration about the increase in litter and the negative appearance of the carts.

"Since the presence of the street vendors, trash on the streets has increased considerably," the report states. And the carts are "too large and have a carnival or flea market appearance."

This is especially frustrating to merchants who have made efforts to keep the area nice, McBurney says.

"The city requires us to maintain street lights and trash receptacles, and we must adhere to a strict sign ordinance," McBurney says.

Vendors believe they don't detract from the atmosphere, but add to it.

"The carts aren't tacky," Wilson says. "People like looking at them."

But it is up to the city to draft a new ordinance. And that's not easy, says Susan Smirnoff, economic diversification development director.

A public forum to discuss drafting a new ordinance will be held 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall.



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