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Senate discusses academic calendar, presidential search

By Paula Green
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The University Senate met Wednesday to discuss several issues, including a motion regarding the State Board of Higher Education's decision to change the system's academic-year calendar.

James Blanchard, senior instructor of physical education and human movement studies, presented a substitute motion concerning the calendar, in lieu of the motion he previously proposed before the senate on Oct. 20.

The state board decided last year to change the state's higher education institutions from a quarter to a semester system beginning in 1990. This change will alter the date the school year begins and ends.

Blanchard's motion said "the details of the academic calendar are an important part of the conditions of employment for the faculty...the proposed academic calendar will result in significant economic hardship on a large number of students and faculty

members... (and) was put forth without opportunities for significant input from the faculty."

The motion resolved that the board's calendar change was premature and "the Oregon State System of Higher Education should set aside the proposed calendar and undertake extensive consultation with ad hoc committees representing the faculty and administration of the eight campuses of OSSHE before recommending a revised calendar."

"I'm hoping a statement like this from the faculty will inspire the state board to allow our input," Blanchard said.

Copies of the motion, which was approved 35-0 with 1 abstention, will be provided to the chancellor, members of the state board, members of the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate and to the presidents of the eight campuses of the state system.

Another issue of concern with the University Senate is the board's search for a new University president.

"Given events of recent weeks...the presidential search process becomes of

immediate concern for this University," said University Provost Richard Hill, alluding to the board's decision for early retirement of University President Paul Olum.

Hill explained that the review subcommittee of the presidential search committee has recommended an 11-person body to choose a new president, rather than nine. The Subcommittee proposed adding another faculty member and one alumni member. The committee currently consists of three faculty member, three board members, one administrator, one student and one community member.

Hill also is "deeply concerned" with the present search policy which requires that names of presidential candidates "shall be kept confidential until a day or two before the board interviews," he said.

"The faculty can meet with finalists between the time the names are announced and the board interviews," Hill said, explaining he doesn't find "a day or two" enough time for the faculty to meet with the candidates.



Photo by Andy Cripe

Provost Richard Hill reports on the progress of a search for a new University president at Wednesday's University Senate meeting.

Proposed library draft receives some criticism

By Betsy Clayton
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Community members expressed concern over the site selection, parking and cost of a final draft proposal for Eugene's future library in a public hearing Wednesday.

The Future of Our Library Committee presented the draft which outlines the work and findings from the last 18 months about library expansion. The committee recommends relocating the library on a city-owned parking lot on Broadway Avenue between Charnelton and Lincoln Streets.

Committee Chairwoman Debra Ehrman said, "It is a draft. We're also flexible. Certainly we're able to change the report at this point."

City Planning Department speaker Pat Decker said the estimated cost of the project would be \$23 million. Funding would come from a general obligation bond that would increase the local property tax to cover construction and increased operating costs.

According to the draft, the City Council is scheduled to hold its public hearing on

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Van service to help incest victims

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Early next January, local volunteers will be taking on the task of helping children who are victims of sexual abuse. They will be driving incest victims to the Children's Services Division for therapy.

Currently, CSD provides therapy sessions for sexually abused teenagers, according to Pat O'Brien, CSD incest treatment specialist. However, the sessions starting in January will be for groups of children from ages 5 to 7 and 8 to 10 years old. Most of these children live with foster parents, she said.

Although the existing sessions for teens are limited to females, the groups for young children will be co-ed, reports Sally Paaso, one of two future drivers for the children's sessions and vice president of the student service group Alpha Phi Omega.

CSD broadly defines incest, taking in not only those children who have been sexually molested by their fathers, but also those who have

been molested by other males within the family unit, such as uncles and their mothers' live-in boyfriends, Paaso said.

Before the children's program was initiated, O'Brien received 59 referrals for sexually abused children within Eugene. These referrals came from a survey of CSD case workers, O'Brien said. CSD will take in about 24 of these children, unable to handle all 59, she said.

In addition to therapy, CSD hopes to include "nutritional" snacks and individual birthday parties within group sessions, she said. O'Brien said giving food and individual attention to the children would be a very "nurturing and validating experience" for them, adding that many clients do not have birthday celebrations at home. "The problem is that we don't have enough money" to provide snacks, she said.

The volunteer van drivers also will play an important part in the children's therapy, according to O'Brien. "There's something about driving in a car that makes us want to talk more," she said. "Sometimes issues don't get resolved in

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Eugene moves closer to adopting Siberian sister city

By Cami Swanson
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As Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev discuss arms control agreements in Washington, D.C. this week, the city of Eugene is making the final arrangements to establish a Soviet sister city.

The Eugene City Council unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday extending an invitation to the Soviet city of Irkutsk to become Eugene's newest sister city.

"I think it is highly appropriate that Eugene should be doing this on a day when the leadership of the United States and the Soviet Union in Washington, D.C. are looking toward a new future," City Councilor Emily Schue said at the council meeting.

The letter of invitation approved by the council came after nearly a year of research and planning by committee

members of the Soviet Sister City Project, led by chairperson Kate Gessert. Established by the council in May, the committee narrowed a list of 149 Soviet cities down to two candidates, the cities of Nalchik and Irkutsk.

Although Nalchik was originally considered front runner for Eugene's sister city, Gessert, who visited both cities in August, said she was not disappointed that Irkutsk is the city of choice.

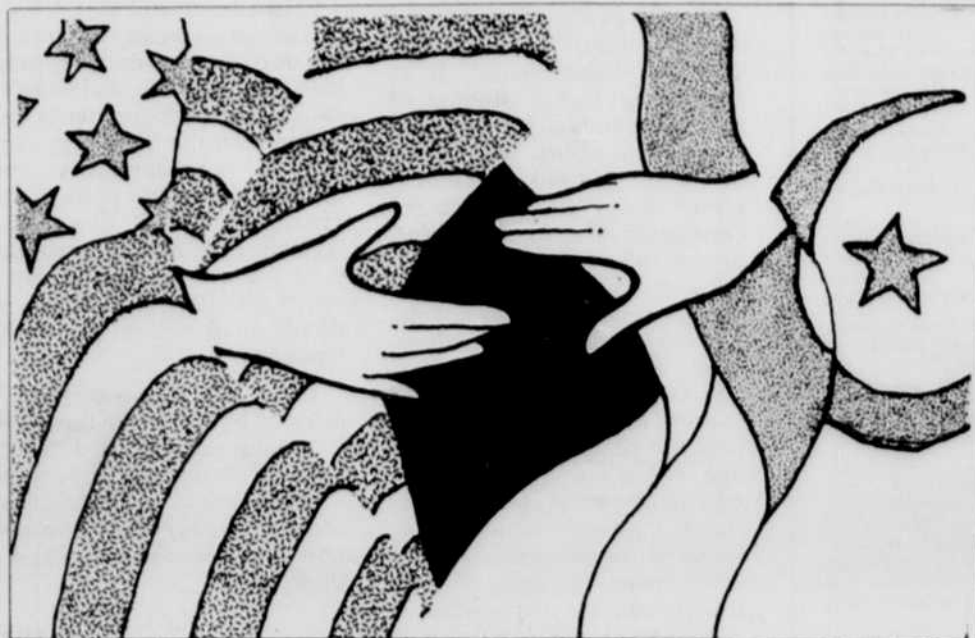
"It has a lot of really good potential...The land feels very similar (to Eugene)," Gessert said.

Irkutsk is located in central Siberia, approximately 2,500 miles out of Moscow, about the same distance Eugene is from Washington, D.C.

With a population of 550,000, Irkutsk is quite larger than Eugene, but shares many of the same concerns about the natural environment.

Irkutsk also has a large university of

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