

IACUC motion passed

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The University Senate unanimously approved a motion to create a permanent voting student position on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Wednesday.

The motion, introduced by the Student Senate, calls for the University president to ap-

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point a student to the new position every year.

Currently, University student Costi Sibri serves as a full voting member on the committee.

According to Brigette Leach, coordinator of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the issue is one of "student empowerment."

The IACUC committee has been "one arena where the student voice has not been heard," Leach said.

Students traditionally have not been appointed to this committee, she said. "We now need someone on (the committee) with a vote."

The original motion was amended to support the establishment of a voting rather than a non-voting position.

Senate member voted to delete a para-

graph stating that the IACUC "would serve as a useful forum for the exchange of ideas regarding the use of animals in research and the exploration and implementation of alternatives."

Olum fully supported the motion.

"I've expressed the belief it's desirable to appoint students to the committee," Olum said.

However, Olum said he could not guarantee that the recommendation would be accepted by his successor. He also said that any appointments to the committee "must accept the charge that the University conducts animal research."

In other business, a proposed by-laws amendment to re-enact the charter for the Council for Minority Education was postponed until the next University Senate meeting on April 12.

It was postponed at the request of sponsor Dennis Hyatt, a CME faculty member. The postponement followed informal discussions between CME Chairman Jim Long and members of several ethnic student unions, who charged that the proposal violated proper council procedures.

According to the Dec. 8 CME minutes, student representatives of color, who make up one fourth of the council, objected to some of the proposed amendments "proposed and supported by faculty and assumably passed by 'consensus' a process that is not provided for in current CME by-laws."

Scientist to speak on arms policy

The first westerner invited to address the Supreme Soviet, the principal legislative body of the Soviet Union, will speak on the government's nuclear weapons policy this Friday.

Frank von Hippel, a Princeton University professor and physicist, will speak on "Rushing in Where Governments Fear to Tread" at 3:30 p.m. in Room 123 Science I. His talk, co-sponsored by Sigma Xi, a national research honor society, and the University Arms Control Forum, is free and open to the public.

Von Hippel is a professor of public and international affairs and co-principal investigator in Princeton's research program on nuclear policy alternatives.

His current research interests lie in the areas of nuclear weapons and energy policy, and he chairs the U.S. editorial board of the new international jour-

nal, Science and Global Security.

He also has published publications that focus on the consequences of "limited" nuclear war, the verifiability of a U.S.-Soviet agreement to halt the production of material for nuclear weapons, and the feasibility of a 10-fold reduction in the superpower nuclear arsenals.

In the area of energy policy, von Hippel has published analyses of nuclear reactor safety, alternatives to the plutonium breeder reactor and the possibility for major improvements in automotive fuel economy.

He also has written about the roles that technical experts play in the political process of policy making for technology.

In 1977, the American Physical Society awarded von Hippel and Joel Primack its Forum Award for Promoting the Understanding of Physics and So-

ciety for their book, "Advice and Dissent: Scientists in the Political Arena."

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