

Student Senate committee meets to redo CIA recruiting statement

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A committee of four Student Senate members met Tuesday night to revise a resolution proposed in January to restrict CIA recruiting on campus.

Senate members present included Hoop, Tiffany Weed,

Student Senate

Kim Cooper and Laura DeLeone.

The proposed resolution asks the administration to force the CIA to sign an affirmative action statement saying that they do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation before being allowed to recruit on campus.

The CIA has refused to sign such statements when asked by other schools, including the New York University Law School and Princeton University. The agency was then banned from those campuses.

The committee that met Tuesday decided to amend the resolution by removing references to the CIA and focusing the resolution on all recruiters. The amended form of the resolution demands that recruiters sign a statement that says they not only comply with state and federal laws, but also with the Oregon Administrative Rule specifying discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The earlier form of the resolution was not voted on because several members of the senate did not want to single out the CIA specifically, citing fears that the senate itself would be discriminating.

Hoop said the resolution should not just ask that the potential recruiters comply with the OAR.

"We should ask that they have to sign a legally binding document that says they do follow the OAR rules," Hoop said.

The resolution goes on to ask that the Office of Career Planning and Placement "be enjoined from providing aid, assistance, information, or access to physical space to any employment recruiters that do not sign such a statement."

"We're asking (the administration) to follow their own rules, because basically they are not," Weed said.

The amended form of the resolution will now be presented to the entire Student Senate on Thursday. The senate will then vote on whether to adopt the resolution, Weed said.

If the Student Senate adopts the resolution, it will be proposed to the University Senate for a vote. That would most likely happen at the next University Senate meeting on Feb. 14, Weed said. If adopted by the University Senate, the resolution would be presented to the administration.

While the resolution would have no binding power it would present a certain amount of political pressure for the administration, Weed said.

In other senate business, Weed said the deadline for applying for vacant senate positions was today at 5 p.m. Ap-

plications are available in the ASUO office in EMU Suite 4.

The four vacant seats include: Seat 3 (graduates/law school/ interdisciplinary studies/education/journalism/languages/english); Seat 5 (political science/religion/history/international studies/Asian studies/American studies/geography); Seat 6 (psychology/sociology); Seat 13 (architecture and allied arts/planning, public policy and management/economics).

Weed said an appointment committee made up of herself and ASUO President Andy Clark will try to make their decisions by tonight. If that happens, it is possible that new senate members could be confirmed at Thursday's meeting.

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