

Senate urges affirmative action

By Pat Malach
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Members of the Student Senate voted unanimously Thursday to pass a resolution that asks the administration to force all potential employment recruiters to sign an affirmative action statement before being allowed on campus.

Senators also voted to amend the resolution to add more direct pressure to University President Myles Brand, Chancellor Thomas Bartlett and Vice-provost Gerald Mosley.

The resolution passed Thursday is an amended form of a resolution that had been proposed in January by Senator Brian Hoop. That resolution had been aimed specifically at the CIA. Senators changed the focus of the resolution to all recruiters after some members cited fears that specifying only the CIA might be an act of discrimination.

Hoop said the people who had originally filed grievances against the CIA for their alleged discrimination against gays and lesbians felt that the resolution was satisfactory.

In other business the Senate heard from student Kathy Taylor who asked senators for support in her efforts to include a graduation pledge at the commencement ceremonies. The pledge asks all graduates to consider environmental and social responsibilities when applying for and carrying out their post-academic careers.

Taylor said the pledge would be strictly voluntary. "It doesn't adhere anyone to a particular political ideology and it is strictly voluntary. I

think it is something that is open to everyone."

The idea began at Humboldt University in 1987, Taylor said. "They gave them the opportunity to either sign it at the graduation or take it home with them. They said almost every student took one."

The pledge encourages critical thinking about values and careers, Taylor said. "I think it's important to educate people on how to investigate a job and how to know what they are getting into when they go into it. I think the pledge is really good to prompt people to learn about that and get a discussion going."

Taylor said that Humboldt had a system that allowed students to take the pledge on their own terms. "At the graduation ceremony they set up a table. If people wanted to after they got their diploma they could stop by the table and sign it there in front of their peers and their family, or they could just pick one up and take it home with them."

"They also handed out information to all the guests that came to the graduation explaining what it was and the importance that they thought it had. (They did this) so that everyone knew what was going on," Taylor added. "They got the word out before hand so that everyone knew what it was."

Hoop proposed a resolution that the Senate show their support for the idea by endorsing it to the University administration and the ASUO Executive Office. The Senate could possibly vote on the resolution at their next meeting.

IFC funds Student Insurgent for first time

By Dan Eisler
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The Incidental Fee Committee unanimously approved funding for the first time to the *Student Insurgent* at its meeting Thursday night.

The campus publication received \$2,945, after several revised requests from the *Insurgent* and recommendations from the ASUO Executive.

Most new groups don't receive a large amount of IFC because they need to prove to the next year's committee they're working well before they get an increase. IFC member Armando

Morales said.

The *Insurgent* didn't ask for funding last year before its first issue because "we felt we needed to prove to ourselves it could work." *Insurgent* member Phillip Zerbo said.

However, after voting to fund the publication, Morales cautioned the *Insurgent*. "This is a newspaper of all the students, (and) you need to be careful of what you print."

Committee members expressed concern the *Insurgent* did not meet the IFC policy of providing for the cultural and physical development of students, citing the lack of minor-

ity members on the collective editorial staff and an article in the *Insurgent's* current issue, questioning the announcement of a multicultural newsletter for students of color and advocating unity among "all oppressed people... first, founded upon class struggle."

"My concern is the collective as a whole is a white collective," IFC chair Tonija Swires said.

The *Insurgent* is open to all students, according to its goal statement, said Swires, who asked how it intended to meet that goal.

The *Insurgent* has and is continuing to seek students of color for the publication, publisher Robert Kenneth said, "and become all the more closer to realizing our goals."

In addition, the publication represents students who aren't represented, and sensitivity is an issue the staff is learning, Zerbo said.

In other business, Sister University received \$2500, a zero percent change from last year's allocation.

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