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In previous years, students have voted to oppose the proposed River Front Research Park and to keep the riverside soccer field from being included in the planned development.

If the administration were to adopt the measure in the University's planning process, it would prevent most types of laboratory operations in the research park, said Diane Wiley, project representative in the University Planning Office.

Because the federal acts govern the use of common substances used in making everyday products and experiments, the research park would be severely hindered, Wiley said.

But the measure would not have binding authority on the University administration and would simply "encourage" the administration to follow its directive, according to the measure's wording.

Graduation pledge

Kathy Taylor, a University

anthropology student, proposed the idea of a voluntary pledge at future graduation ceremonies that would have graduates "thoroughly investigate and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job (they) consider," according to the wording of the measure.

Humboldt State University included a similar pledge in its graduation ceremonies in 1987, and has developed a pamphlet for graduates explaining how to investigate potential employers in order to abide by the pledge.

"Hopefully the pledge will encourage students to think about the responsibilities they have to the world and the impact they can have," Taylor said.

The actual mechanics of how the pledge would be taken or signed have not yet been decided on, but Taylor has suggested a printed statement that would be available to graduates at the ceremony.

Health insurance

ASUO President Andy Clark referred to the ballot a measure that will give students four options to suggest a direction for the ASUO Student Health Insurance Program.

The first option would be a mandatory enrollment policy for all students. Just such a proposal received heated opposition during winter term, with 15 students going as far as demanding a recall election of Clark from office.

The students eventually withdrew the demand, and the proposal is now one of the four options on this measure.

The second option would use a restrictive waiver system that would allow students involved in a similar health insurance plan not to purchase ASUO insurance.

The third option would involve a loose waiver system "for conscience sake" that would allow students to refrain from the plan if they have other

means of providing for their health needs, Clark said.

The fourth option is the same as the present insurance program. It provides a health insurance plan for those students who want to purchase it.

Because the level of benefits and premium costs is directly linked to how many students are involved in the program, the first and second options would be much cheaper for the individual student, Clark said, although he declined to estimate the actual costs of each option.

Counseling Center

This measure calls for an increase of \$1.50 a term per student to create new counseling staff positions, and was brought to the ballot by petition.

This would increase fees for the counseling center to \$4 a term per student. The funds raised by this measure would be matched by University funds.

The measure would allow for the hiring of a full-time psychologist to provide services for ethnic minorities, international students and gay and lesbian students. Five graduate teaching fellows would also be hired with these funds to reduce counseling center waiting lists.

EMU Child care

This measure, also brought to the ballot by petition, would increase fees about 80 cents a student per term for the EMU Child Care and Development Centers, increasing this fee to \$2 per student per term.

Students are 95 percent of those served by the program, said Kristen Brandt, the program's contact person.

A tenth measure may be on the ballot. If the Incidental Fee Committee cannot reduce next year's incidental fee budget below the ASUO Constitutional limit of 7 percent, a measure will be referred to the ballot requesting the higher increase.

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After several consultations with student groups and the Constitution Court to find the most appropriate wording for the measure, Hoop was left with very little time to gather the necessary signatures.

Student Senate Chair Tiffany Weed said she believes it's important to increase the diversity among student senators, but she doesn't think enlarging the senate is the best way to do it.

"I think it's a really good, idealistic idea, but there are some problems ... like with funding," she said. "That would almost double our budget."

Weed also wondered if enough students would be interested in being senators each year to fill 36 seats. This year six senate candidates are running unopposed.

English graduate teaching fellow Jeff Harrison was another person who wrote a measure but ran out of time to get signatures.

Harrison's ballot measure would have allowed students to decide whether the ASUO should support or reject the planned construction of the Alder Street parking garage.

"The value of it being on the ballot is it would become a public issue," he said. "I wonder if people care or not ... so I want this to be publicly debated."

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