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Task forces look at campus life

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Emerald Reporter

A variety of University task forces developed last spring are focusing on seven areas of campus life, from affirmative action to security.

"The seven task forces grew out of a paper written last winter describing the major transit factors effecting the University. We appointed the task forces last spring to do information gathering," said Gerald Kissler, senior vice provost, who coordinates the task force planning process. Kissler said the recommendation and development phase will begin this term.

Research and Graduate Education is one area of concern for the task forces.

This group will examine support for research and scholarship, salary competitiveness, GTF training, improving the applicant pool to graduate programs, increasing graduate student support and increasing the number of the qualified graduate applicants.

Undergraduate education is of equal concern to the University, with a task force formed to address preparation for college entrance requirements including foreign language, course availability, classrooms accessibility and quality of student life.

For graduating students who are entering the Oregon work force, a task force is focusing on examining the cultural, educational and professional needs of Oregon.

These issues include increasing the educational and cultural offerings that enrich the quality of life in Oregon, increasing support to professional communities and industry, and improving delivery of advanced graduate-level programs at off-campus locations, particularly in the Portland area.

The task force on Global Context and International Studies will evaluate ways to develop broad strategies for the development of increased international competence among faculty and students of the University.

The group will also consider how the University can contribute to the growing understanding within the state and region of our interdependence with other cultures and nations.

As increased technology fills the work force, University students will need a hedge on the future business market.

The Faculty Recruitment and Retention task force is forming ideas on how to remain competitive in terms of recruitment and set-up costs, facilities and faculty salaries. The group will also look at improving the support of faculty nearing retirement and those who have achieved emeritus status.

The Affirmative Action task force is working on establishing a requirement that all entering freshmen take a course focused on another culture. The group will also work on increasing the representation of minorities at the University and cultural diversity on campus.

Task force members were selected based on interest, knowledge and expertise. Kissler said.

The groups received suggestions from President Myles Brand on the area of their topic that is of interest to the University. Each task force shares similar long range goals, said Alison Baker, Brand's executive assistant.

"The task forces were created to come up with strategies and provide an opportunity for faculty to look at the seven issues and how we are going to cope with the problems they present," Baker said.

The task force members are currently working to define the problems within their specific areas, and a plan is expected to be completed over the next five to 10 years.

Last March, the groups developed an overview of planning. A Sept. 10 retreat enabled task force heads, University deans and central administration staff to review plans.

An open forum discussion has been tentatively set for later this term, in which students may offer input on any of the task force topics.

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The Feminist Activist Group holds its first meeting at 6 p.m. in EMU Century Room B. Call 346-4248 for information.

Survival Center will hold a general interest meeting from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. Call 346-4356 for more information.

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The Jewish Student Union holds its weekly meeting at 3 p.m. in EMU Suite 5. For details call 346-4366.

Men Against Rape holds its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. Call 346-4206 for details.

Student Projects Inc. board of directors meet at 2:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room B. Call 346-3729 for details.

Life Choices Support Group, sponsored by Women in Transition, meets from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room C. Participants are screened. If interested in participating, call 346-4099 or

346-4095.

MEChA, the Chicano/Latino student union, meets at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room F. Call 346-3508 for more information.

Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma honor societies will hold a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Walnut Room. For more information call 346-8783.

Pre-Law Society meets at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. Call 485-6962 for more information.

The Native American Student Union meets at 4 p.m. in EMU Suite 15A. Call 343-3723 for information.

The Student Senate meets at 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room A. Call 485-6960 for information.

SPEAKERS

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Barbara Roberts will speak Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the EMU Court-yard.

Wendell Wood will lecture on Ancient Forest Protection at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. The event is sponsored by the University Outdoor Program Room. For more information call 346-4365.

Exiled Salvadoran student Victor Hugo will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room about his experiences at a university under siege. The talk is sponsored by the Sister University Project. Call 346-3194 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

CD-ROM tutorial on the ABI/Inform (business) database will be held at 1 p.m. in the Knight Library's reference department. Also, a tutorial on the Sport Discus database will be held Wednesday in the same department at 10:30 a.m. For more details call Sara Brownmiller at 346-2368.

A stress management workshop, sponsored by the Life-style Planning Program and the Student Health Center, will be held in the health center's medical library from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call 346-4456 for more information.

The Summer Employment Program will host a summer employment-seeking workshop from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks Hall. Call 346-3214 for more information.

"Jewish Perspectives: Jewish Views on Abortion" is the discussion topic, sponsored by Hillel, at 4 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St.

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