

Faculty policy focus of hearing

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University officials would like to get feedback on a proposed policy to regulate faculty time spent on non-University related activities. A public hearing on the plan will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room.

Designed by the University's Faculty/Private Sector Activities Guidelines Committee, the policy covers issues ranging from definitions of appropriate and inappropriate outside professional activities to how many days per week a faculty member may work on outside business, and possible penalties for conflicts of interest.

"The aim is to avoid ethical and legal conflicts and to ensure that such activities do not conflict with the proper discharge of University responsibilities," said Judith Brookshire, University research compliance coordinator.

An Oregon law passed last year requires all state colleges to implement a conflict-of-interest policy. Currently, the University has no written guidelines regarding faculty members' outside professional activities.

The proposed policy does not discourage faculty members from pursuing outside interests.

According to the plan, such activities "contribute to the advancement of the faculty member's

profession (and) provide and opportunity for professional growth through interaction with industry, business, government, and other institutions of society." However, the policy says the primary professional loyalty of full-time faculty members must be to the University.

"If a faculty person's outside professional activities are taking away time to the extent that the person obviously is not going to be able to fulfill the function of his or her position, then that situation potentially would be investigated as causing a possible conflict of interest," Brookshire said.

The policy allows each department the leeway to decide what faculty activities constitute a conflict of interest.

Faculty members, students and community members may examine the policy proposal during regular business hours in the offices of the president, vice presidents, deans and department heads and in the reserve section of the University's Knight Library.

Written comments can be filed with the vice president for research by 5 p.m. tomorrow in Room 112 of Johnson Hall.

The Faculty/Private Sector Activities Guidelines committee is expected to make a decision on the proposal two weeks after the hearing.

Student receives Fulbright grant

OSPIRG wants your garbage. The group is asking students to bring non-recyclable materials to its table in the EMU Lobby on Wednesday to show support for a state bill that would expand recycling programs in Oregon.

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OSPIRG will take the garbage, accompanied by notes from students, to state representatives in Salem to encourage them to vote for Senate Bill 66. Under provisions of the bill, cities of more than 4,000 people would have to offer curbside recycling programs; state and local governments would have to buy more recycled products, including paper, tires and oil; and industries would have to use newsprint, glass and plastic containers with a higher percentage of recycled content.

The ASUO Student Senate and Executive are accepting applications for student representatives for University student/faculty committees for the 1991-92 academic year. More than 90 positions are open on 28 committees that oversee such matters as academic requirements, environmental affairs, minority education and student conduct. Committee size and workload vary.

Applications are available in EMU Suite 4; deadline is Friday. A senate committee will

review applicants, and ASUO President-elect Jennifer Bills will approve the appointments.

University senior Christopher Siems was awarded a Fulbright grant to study in Germany during the 1991-92 academic year. Siems will graduate in June with a bachelor of arts degree in international business and German and a minor in business administration.

As a Fulbright scholar, he will study international economics at the University of Mannheim.

About 1,800 U.S. students, teachers and scholars will travel abroad next academic year to study, teach or conduct re-

search as part of the 45-year-old Fulbright Program.

University junior John Higgins is one of 10 undergraduates in the nation awarded a fellowship to the 1991 Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets. The monthlong seminar is sponsored by Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Penn., and features Pulitzer prize-winning poet Louis Simpson, among other writers.

Higgins won the 1990 Lane Literary Award for Poetry last fall and read from his work at the "Writers at the Hult" program during the Eugene Celebration.



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