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Kirpal Singh Khalsa teaches Kundalini yoga to his class on a sunny Tuesday afternoon next to the University art museum.

Senate postpones minority recruitment resolution

Many faculty found the proposal too 'aggressive' for comfort

By Craig Howard Emerald Contributo

The Senate voted Wednesday to postpone passage of a resolution that recommended a restructuring of the ethnic studies curriculum, as well as increasing the number of minority faculty members.

For more than an hour, students and faculty debated the resolution, which was developed by the Multicultural Curriculum Committee. Those who opposed the plan said they agreed with the spirit of the resolution, but maintained that the wording needed to be changed in order to gain approval.

"I'm opposed to hiring professors by criteria of skin color," said Economics Professor Henry Goldstein. "I'm offended by the aggressive tone of the resolution and I feel its passage would be wasteful and inefficient.

The vote in favor of postponement was 17-13-2

Many faculty members opposed one of the resolution's provisions, which would require each department to hire a minimum of three "faculty of color" within a five year period.

'I'm afraid that the motion is telling departments how to hire faculty and teach classes," said Faculty Senator Patri-cia Gwariney-Gibbs. "I feel that the University should aggressively recruit minority teachers, but micro-managing is not the solution."

There was strong student support for the resolution despite faculty opposition. Lisa Hartrich, a member of the Multicultural Curriculum Committee gave an impassioned speech on the floor of the Senate, stressing the necessity of increased cultural awareness.

"We are not just a group of whiners and complainers," she said. "We are angry because the University has a responsibility to teach students about cultural and ethnic diversity and they have failed.

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Talks address racism, conflict

Four speakers will be on campus within the next few days to discuss racial issues in Los Angeles and Oregon. Today at 3 p.m., University of Cali-

fornia - Berkeley instructor Sumi K. Cho will speak in the EMU Gumwood Room about relations, and tensions between, the African-American and Korean-American communities in L.A. Cho, a Korean-American, teaches

Asian-American studies at Berkeley and is a Ph.D candidate in ethnic studies. The title of her speech is "Beyond Rodney King: The Construct of the Black-Korean Conflict in L.A." Cho's visit is sponsored by the University's political science department.

Also speaking today is David Bern-stein, editor of the magazine Diversity: A Critical Journal of Race and Culture. Bernstein will be in Room 150 Columbia at 7:30 p.m. to discuss current events and their significance for African-Americans.

Bernstein's visit is sponsored by the Oregon Commentator.

Emmy award-winning writer and poet Wanda Coleman, a native of the Watts district of Los Angeles, will give a reading in the EMU Ben Linder Room at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Coleman is the recipient of a Guggenheim Award for her poetry.

Ron Herndon, from Portland's Black United Front, will join Coleman for a discussion on the social and psychological ramifications of racism in America. The event is at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the EMU Fir Room.

Coleman and Herndon's visits are sponsored by the University's peace studies program.

All four events are free.



Jobs after graduation: Yes, they do exist with the right approach

Resources and advice available to avoid unemployment

But a combination of hard work and creativity will at least increase job hunters' chances. The University's Career Planning and Placement Ser-

the author advises hunters to spend 30 hours a week looking for a job. 'If you devote only five hours a week to it, than your

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In the past, a decent grade point average and a professional-looking resume were enough to land most college graduates a reasonable career-track job. These days it's not so easy.

Because of the recession, qualifications and intelligence alone aren't enough to get a good job anymore.

vice, located in Room 244 Hendricks, is a good first stop for help with the basics such as resume production and interview techniques.

Other services includes a career information library, career counseling and career interest testing.

Serious job hunters should also prepare themselves to commit a sizable amount of their time to the hunt. Richard Nelson Bolles' The 1992 What Color Is Your Parachute? (Ten Speed Press) said the typical U.S. job search lasts from eight to 23 weeks. Given those figures,

job-hunt will take nine months," Bolles said. "On the other hand, if you devote 30 hours a week to your hunt. it may be completed successfully in 6 weeks.

To further increase their odds, Bolles recommends hunters visit two prospective employers a day - one in the morning, one in the afternoon. The author's book stresses meeting employers face to face rather than just talking to personnel departments.

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