

Multicultural revision sent back to committee

□ Assembly votes 317-5 to create a committee to revise proposal

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The University Assembly Wednesday overwhelmingly voted to send the proposed revision of the race, gender and non-European requirement to a committee that will examine the revision's implications, including costs and effects on curriculum.

The 10-member committee, which will be appointed by the Provost, will report back to the assembly no later than March 1994.

Provost Norm Wessells said after the meeting that he will appoint the committee before graduation, June 13.

"We should get the membership in place so they can be thinking about the issues over the summer," Wessells said. "The sooner we start, the sooner we can finish; and the sooner we finish, the sooner the assembly can take action on whatever comes out."

The assembly voted 317-5 in favor of sending the revision to committee. Sociology Department Head Jack Whalen, who introduced the motion, said it would help reunite faculty members, who have hotly debated this issue for the last two months.

"This is to have us talking, not at each other, but

with each other," Whalen said. "I think we can all work together and reach a compromise."

Faculty members who have voiced both support and opposition to the revision encouraged assembly members to vote for Whalen's motion.

"Many of us have worked very hard to bring multiculturalism to this university and to the state of Oregon," said sociology Associate Professor Sandra Morgen, co-chairwoman of the committee that drafted the revision. "I hope and believe that through this motion that will become a reality."

Physics Professor Dave Soper, who has opposed the revision, told the assembly if it didn't vote for Whalen's motion, the revision would die.

"You may wonder why I don't want it to die," Soper said. "We are not ready to decide this issue. Whatever side you are on, the other half of the faculty is on the other side. To me, that is a sign that we need to discuss the issues more."

Religious studies Professor J.T. Sanders, who has opposed the revision because he believed it was too narrow, also told the assembly to let a committee look at the issues.

"Stopping debate for the summer and letting tempers cool off is a good idea," Sanders said.

But some students who attended the meeting

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□ Students call for revision at press conference

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Revising the race, gender and non-European requirement would be a start, but people must band together to fight racism on a community, state and international level, said about 15 students at a Wednesday press conference.

The University's recent debate over the requirement revision shows the University's commitment to multiculturalism, said Michelle Parks, an editor at the *Student Insurgent*.

"There is none," she said.

Parks urged students at the press conference to attend

the University Assembly's meeting Wednesday, and "see how your academic future is being decided."

Eden Ajrian-Omari, ASUO multicultural advocate, said he has changed his name from Steve Moore because he no longer wants to carry the surname of a slave holder.

Minorities don't learn of the accomplishments of other minorities, Ajrian-Omari said. So they end up feeling torn from their history and their culture.

"We won't spend over 90 percent of our time taking classes based on Eurocentric studies," he said.

American history is horrific in the treatment of people of color, Ajrian-Omari said.

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White House has results of forest reports

□ Clinton will use data for forest planning

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House received three reports Wednesday from scientists and others developing Northwest forest-management options but is keeping the alternatives secret until President Clinton reviews them, an official said.

Clinton intends to settle on a plan later this month or in July that will protect the region's old-growth forests and minimize job loss in timber-dependent communities, said Marla Romash, spokeswoman for the White House Office of Environmental Policy and Vice President Al Gore.

Romash refused to discuss details of the options submitted so far or to characterize their potential impact on logging in the region.

Clinton will base his policy on the reports submitted Wednesday by the scientific, economic and intergovernment working groups, Romash said. But she emphasized "no policy decisions have been made."

Who moved the garage?



Photo by Paul Mansfield

Craig Stone (left) stands in front of the truck that drove into his living room window, after being bumped by another vehicle Wednesday afternoon. Stone and three other University students live in the house at 1459 Patterson.

WEATHER

Partly sunny today after a few morning clouds. Showers expected to return Friday and last throughout the weekend.

Just a Reminder

You may want to take care of submitting your Student Health Center charges to your insurance company before you leave for the summer.

ELECTRIC PARTNERSHIP

DEARBORNE, Mich. (AP) — The Big Three U.S. automakers are close to forming a partnership on electric vehicles and might even produce such vehicles together, the chairman of Ford Motor Co., Harold Poling, said Wednesday.

Executives at each of the Big Three have said a jointly produced electric vehicle is a possibility to meet a 1998 deadline requiring 2 percent of all cars sold in California be pollution free.

Electricity is the only known zero-pollution power source. Ford and Chrysler Corp. have test fleets of vans converted to electricity being delivered to customers this year. General Motors Corp. initially backed off because of expense but plans to have test vehicles in the field by 1994.

SPORTS

The men's lightweight team of the club crew squad will compete for the national championship June 11 and 12, in East Fork State Park in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The team of Victoria Collingwood, Joe Borton, Jason Van Winkle, Christopher Lackey and George Bevan III finished second at the Northwest Regional Championship and third at the Pacific Rowing Championships in May. Oregon defeated some of the top teams in the west, including California and Cal-Davis.

Oregon must now face Ivy League powerhouses Harvard, Princeton and Dartmouth in the national competition.

The men are coached by Morgan Emrich.