

Senate passes two resolutions in its final meeting

A list of five main goals concerning diversity at the UO were revised

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The last senate meeting before the summer senate session takes over focused mostly on two resolutions, both of which passed. One being on

diversity on campus, the other concerning a corporate code of conduct. The first resolution, which was a revision of one passed two weeks prior, was presented by Senator Spencer Hamlin but was modified by several other senators. The details of Hamlin's resolution were first questioned by Senator Jerome Grzybowski. "I don't know if it is in our job to go

into specifics," Grzybowski said in reference to the many points in the resolution.

Senator Hamlin amended the resolution by removing the last three pages of specifics and modifying the second page by using a newer "List of



Goals." The five revised main goals are a "Pledge of Respect," a "Zero Tolerance Policy," reinstating and creating new positions, "Creation of a Research Institute for Diversity at the U of O" and a "Diversity training program on campus."

The other resolution, presented by Senator Grzybowski, calls for products that bear the University's mark, or insignia, to "be pro-

duced in accord with responsible workplace standards," according to the resolution. It also calls for the creation of an advisory body that would work with the administration on a code of conduct.

In non-resolution business, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals were granted a line-item transfer for \$45 from its advertising account to its printing account.

Students desire a corporate code of conduct committee

The University hopes to have the code finished by the year's end

By Felicity Ayles
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Students and administrators are working together to develop the University's corporate code of conduct before the year is out. University officials met with students Tuesday morning to discuss the code of conduct and establish a committee to address the issue.

"We feel as a University we should be supporting a more socially respectable system than the one that exists in terms of the University logo being used to make products in sweatshops," said Philippa Anderson, Survival Cen-

ter co-coordinator.

Anderson said the fight against sweatshop conditions is no longer a choice and said she feels the University should be held accountable for products made under its name.

The idea for a committee was first developed in March when then-ASUO President Geneva Wortman brought a group of eight students together to discuss the issue, said Sarah Jacobson, Human Rights Alliance member.

"It wasn't really a committee, just a group of interested students," she said.

This group met about a month ago with Duncan McDonald, vice president for public affairs and development, and voiced four requests.

The group wanted to institute a

standing committee with eight students — four faculty and four administrators — as well as working on a code of conduct for trademark licenses, Jacobson said.

"Those licenses come up for renewal every year," she said.

The committee would like to amend them now to develop a code of conduct for next year.

Another stipulation was that the University send one student and one faculty member to a symposium in the fall dealing with socially responsible work standards, called the "Wisconsin Living Wage Symposium." This symposium was developed as one of the conditions of Wisconsin's own code of conduct, Jacobson said.

The last request from the group was that the University not sign

on to the Fair Labor Association code of conduct, an association that imposes corporate conduct codes for a number of companies, including Nike.

"We can see the flaws of the FLA, and we didn't want to see the University join," Jacobson said.

On Tuesday, these concerned students met again with McDonald to address the progress of these requests. The newly proposed contract language is close to what the original group of students requested, Jacobson said.

"Hopefully by the end of this year we'll have formed a long-standing committee with four faculty members and eight students," she said.

Also, Jacobson said it is likely that the University will send one student

and one faculty member to the living wage symposium in Wisconsin.

In addition, Jacobson said University officials have resolved not to join the FLA. The FLA is asking Universities to join the association by June 22 in order to have a seat at the bargaining table.

"I would like to see the University find a stronger solution than the FLA," she said. "I think Duncan's decision is a good one because the FLA is so weak."

Anderson said she thinks the meeting went well, and the administrators tried to address the students' concerns.

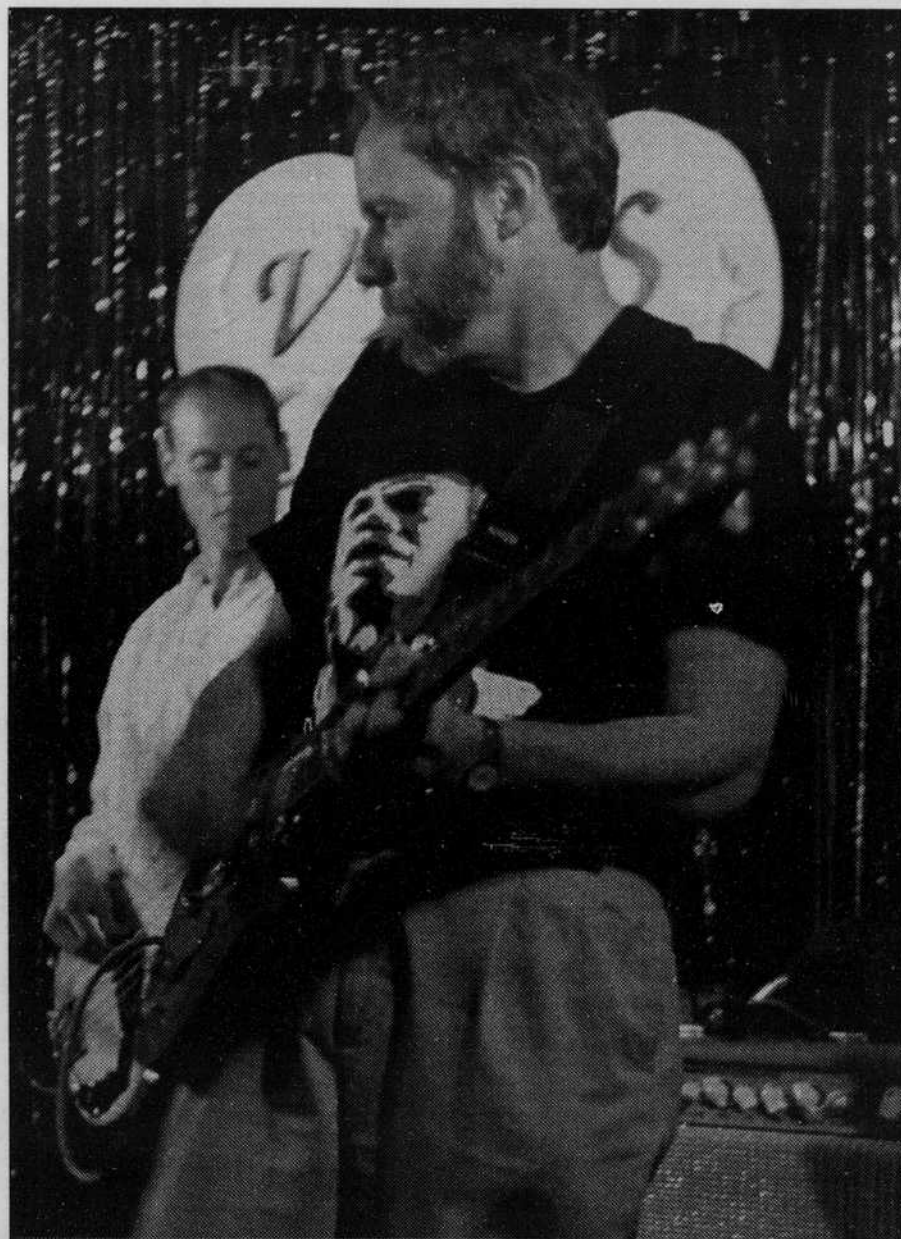
"All in all it was very productive, and we made some significant steps," she said. "I felt like they [the administration] were really trying to work with us."

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