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Panel addresses WRC concerns

■ The University Senate Review Panel focuses attention on University and community voices relating to the WRC

By Kristy Hessman
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The letters W-R-C have created quite a bit of controversy on the University campus in the past several months.

Last May, in an attempt to quell this controversy, President of the University Senate, Professor James Earl, established a subcommittee to monitor the Worker Rights Consortium. It also will advise the University Senate as it looks over the issue this fall.

"It is a three person committee," David Frank, the Committee's Chair, said. "We are expecting some fruitful discussions and through our research we hope to provide the University Senate Committee with guidance on how to handle this debate."

The committee, which is now being referred to as a University Senate Review Panel, is currently in the process of gathering information and opinions from people associated with the University.

"There is a mailing going on in which the panel is seeking information from alumni and trustees,"

Duncan McDonald, vice president for public affairs and development, said.

The goal of the solicitation is to gather the thoughts and concerns people have with the issue.

"It is an invitation designed to encourage people to codify opinions that will be submitted to the Senate for review," Frank said.

Including the responses from university affiliates, the panel is also researching letters to editors, relevant articles in periodicals, faculty member input and advice from knowledgeable experts in the field.

"We are looking at all of the issues raised and being raised in monitoring products with the University of Oregon insignia," Frank said.

After the panel has completed their research, they will present the information before the Senate.

"We will probably meet with the Senate sometime during the fall quarter and have a discussion about what we have discovered," Frank said. "We want the Senate to be able to have a good, clear, rational debate."

In addition to the panel members learning more about the outside views on the issue, the members themselves said they are also learning the depth of this issue.

"I am discovering how complex this issue really is," Frank said.

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again establishes the goal to have the position filled in time for fall.

Erica Fuller-Schindler, a doctoral student from the University of Florida, was one of the original applicants for the position. After presentations, interviews and discussions, the committee named Fuller-Schindler as first choice. However, for personal reasons, she declined the position.

This past week, Fuller-Schindler notified the committee, expressing her interest again in the position. An informal group including representatives from the ASUO, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the hiring committee met Wednesday to discuss further progress.

"I'm very glad the search is coming to a conclusion, and I anticipate the students will be very happy as well," said Randy Choy, Assistant Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The strengths discussed in Fuller-Schindler's candidacy included her prior work with students and an overwhelming support from the University student constituents.

With her reapplication, Fuller-Schindler was informed the current opening is now for an interim director, rather than a permanent director.

"Erica understood that we're looking for an interim director, and would love to fill it," said Peter Larson, a representative from the ASUO.

Another benefit of the possibility of hiring Fuller-Schindler that was discussed was the availability to make the transition from interim director to permanent director without conducting another full-fledged search.

According to Larson, if Fuller-Schindler filled the spot and it was decided there was an interest in her continuation into a permanent position, the documented paperwork from the previous national search would be sufficient.

If selected, Fuller-Schindler's plans for the MCC would be to serve as director for a period of five years, before opening her own organization to work with mothers who demonstrate financial need.

"Additional people need to be consulted," said Director of Student Activities Greg Lobisser. "My goal is to make this hire at the soonest possible point, hopefully before the week is out."

Fanconi

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finding a cure for the disease," Long said.

U-Lane-O employees will also recognize the project by wearing T-shirts that highlight the cause.

"Every little bit helps," Castillo said. "We are hoping to raise about \$2,000-\$3,000."

Dave and Lynn Frohnmayr founded the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund in 1989. They have lost two daughters to the disease and it now threatens their youngest

daughter, 13-year-old Amy.

"U-Lane-O does many of these types of projects," President Dave Frohnmayr said. "It is really a grass roots community effort. It is very heartwarming."

Since the foundation of the Fund, more than \$8.5 million has been raised to help support medical research. From this research, at least eight genes responsible for the disease have been discovered, and survival rates for certain types of bone marrow transplantations have dramatically improved.

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