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SGA amendment rejected

Altering of faculty representation on Co-Op board causes debate

By Lexxie Shiring
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The Student Government Association voted 21-13 Thursday to continue to give APSCUF the power to nominate four representatives and choose two for the Board of Cooperative Activities. Needing a two-thirds vote to pass the amendment to the SGA Constitution meant that those in favor of the motion came up two votes short of the super majority.

SGA President Larry Brink clarified what the new amendment would entail.

"SGA would not be nominating anyone, we would be picking the best two out of four APSCUF members who were already nominated by APSCUF," Brink said.

Brink said he was disappointed by the outcome of the vote.

"I thought what we were doing was in the best interest of the students," Brink said. "We were not trying to change anything. We were just trying to give the students more of a voice."

Senators, students and faculty members shared opposing views on the topic.

Caitlin Sadecky, a nonconsecutive member of the SGA Co-Op Board for the past five years, addressed the matter by writing a letter and passing it out to the senators, advising them not to pass the amendment.

According to Sadecky's letter,

students would not have been assured of getting the best faculty representatives because students have less knowledge of the faculty in comparison to APSCUF.

Graduate senator Kim Smith disagreed.

"If APSCUF has to provide us with four names instead of two, they should still be very qualified, and the students should be able to have a voice in the matter," Smith said.

Kraus Hall Senator Alex McNeill spoke out against the amendment.

McNeill said she thinks the faculty should be the only ones allowed to elect the APSCUF representatives to the Cooperative Activities Board.

"Faculty are chosen from colleges because their colleagues know their strengths and weaknesses," McNeill said.

"They can assess each individual and know who will make the best representatives."

Vice President of Academic Affairs Meghan Oefinger shared her opinion with the senate.

"My biggest concern is that our organization has the right to choose representation," Oefinger said. "I think it is fair to have a part in the election process—not to rule out or designate—but to be in cooperation with each other."

Vice President of Student Life Carol Waters supported the amendment.

"We want APSCUF representatives who will be there to help us out, and



Co-Op member, Caitlin Sadecky expresses concern at the SGA senate meeting Thursday regarding SGA's decision to change the process of electing APSCUF representatives to the Board of Cooperative Activities. Sadecky presented the senate and executive board with a letter describing why passing the amendment would be a bad decision.

sometimes we have members who are not as active as we want them to be," Waters said. "We just want to make sure that we get the most involved representatives."

Vice President of Financial Affairs Michael Combs made it clear to the senate that he didn't foresee a problem with the APSCUF

representatives.

"By amending the constitution, we would just be making sure that the representatives are working for the students," Combs said.

"APSCUF would still be selecting four nominees, but we would have the final say in who gets elected."

McNeill disagreed strongly.

"It terrifies me that the system has been working for so long, probably before I was even born, and we are trying to change it," McNeill said.

Brink believes students should have a say in who is elected onto the Co-Op board.

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Too cute to spook!



Stephen Braho, a 4-year old dinosaur, and brother Ronnie, a 6-year old vampire, spend their Halloween in Slippery Rock trick-or-treating down Main Street. Ghosts, goblins, princesses, cows and even Rocky made an appearance for the festivities held in town.

Class registration headaches right around corner

By Amy Kelly
Rocket News Editor

Class registration for the spring 2008 semester is quickly approaching and many students are not looking forward to the hassle of tackling the entire process.

According to the office of Academic Records and Summer School, when a student is scheduled to register depends on how many credits he or she has completed either at SRU or as a transfer student.

"We assume that you will pass all the credits that you are currently enrolled in," said the director of academic records, Elliott Baker.

Over the two-week period from November 5 to 16, excluding Wednesdays, students will be busying themselves with adviser meetings, degree audit report printing and class crunching.

"We do not have students register Wednesdays so that we (academic records) can monitor what classes are filling up and what ones are not," Baker said.

The office of Academic Records does not have the authority to open more classes or add more seats to a current class, but they can, however, notify the deans of departments about what is occurring and alert them of any problems that could be on the horizon.

"Naturally, the biggest complaint is that students can't get into all the classes at the times that they want," he said. "This normally occurs more with freshman and sophomores because they are not scheduling as early as the others."

Katie Sismous, a 20-year-old junior parks and recreation major, has

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Forecast from National Weather Service

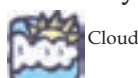
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High: 47; Low: 33

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