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Fulbright College starts three-year process to change core curriculum

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The J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences has begun a three-year process to reconsider its core curriculum.

In preparation for the change, a Fulbright College Core Curriculum Reform Committee has been started.

There are 16 members on the committee, with one member being a graduate student and two being undergraduates.

The committee's three-year charge is to develop a mission statement and set of guiding principles, to examine the degree to which the current curriculum addresses that mission and those principles, and to propose a revised curriculum that does address the mission and guiding principles.

The goal for the 2008-09 year is research, and the committee aims to elicit opinions about the core from students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The group also is researching how other comparable universities have gone about revising their general-education curriculums. Using this data,

the committee will develop a mission and vision statement to focus the future curriculum.

The review of other universities includes: The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; The University of California, Berkeley; Harvard University; and Montana State University.

"This year, we are asking, 'What is the best situation pos-

sible for the students?'" said David Jolliffe, chair of the reform committee, in the first open forum for the committee.

Undergraduate and alumni focus groups have been scheduled for the research. There are alumni of one, five and 10 years being questioned about

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ASG budget funds groups, programs across campus

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Many students may be surprised to know how the fee they pay for the Associated Student Government is spent each year.

In total, the ASG was given around \$260,000 at the beginning of this school year. This amount comes from the student government fee all students pay by credit hour, set at 69 cents an hour this year.

This amount is given to the ASG for its budget allocation process over the summer, after a portion has been removed to help fund both the Chancellor's Scholarship and to go toward bad debt.

"I don't really know where our money goes, but I'm sure that it's in good hands," said Daniel Ford, a sophomore journalism and creative writing major.

"Most of our executive budget goes to fund programs we've done for a long time," ASG Treasurer Ben Hale said. "We try to keep an amount of funding that will keep good programs successful and allow them to grow."

Programs such as the Welcome Week Cookout had an increase in funding this year, and as a result, there was a greater turnout at those events, Hale said.

"I think our fee is worth it because we're using that money to better serve the students," said Laura Wolf, a sophomore journalism major.

The majority of the money allocated goes to fund Registered Student Organizations across campus. Almost \$210,000 was appropriated at the beginning of this year to be distributed in the three rounds of RSO funding, Hale said.

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Fayetteville mayoral race; from 6 to 2

Coody, Jordan clash in final debate before runoff election

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While political news around the nation focuses on the plans of President-elect Barack Obama, Fayetteville still has a score to be settled. The final mayoral debate between Alderman Lioneld Jordan and incumbent Dan Coody was at the Center for Continuing Education Monday, and the two candidates butted heads for the last time before the mayoral runoff next week.

Throughout the debate, which was moderated by former state legislator Brenda Gullett, Jordan emphasized the communication between the mayor and the Fayetteville City Council. In a question about whether there is gridlock in the current administration, Jordan discussed the communication involved.

"We have heard the present administration say that they don't get along with half the council members now," Jordan said. "Somewhere along the line you've got to develop a relationship with the council members."

Jordan said he found out about city-impact fees from a reporter, and that was a sign of poor communication.

"Actually, we had many meetings about the impact fees," Coody said. "It's OK to have different ideas, and it's



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Fayetteville Mayor Dan Coody and challenger Lioneld Jordan met for a mayoral debate Monday. The runoff between Coody and Jordan is set for Tuesday, Nov. 25.

OK to have personality conflicts; that's small potatoes really in the scheme of things. As long as the public's work gets done, and it gets done well."

Coody cited a high percentage of issues that get passed to prove there is not a gridlock in the administration and that things are getting done.

"I don't see gridlock. I see

competing ideas," he said.

The two candidates also discussed what went wrong with the \$60 million overrun on the waste-water construction.

"At no time was the water and sewer committee ever told that there was a \$60 million overrun on the waste-water treatment plant until 2005, which was after an election year," Jordan said.

Jordan blamed this on Coody's administration.

"The biggest mistake I made was trusting the people that were put in charge of it," Jordan said.

Coody said that everyone had made the same mistake because it wasn't he who was at fault but it was the consultants that they were talking to.

"That's where we dropped

the ball, was by believing the consultants when they said, 'Don't you worry - everything's on time and on budget,'" Coody said.

Jordan claimed that problem would not have happened to him if he were mayor.

"The mayor is always in

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International students and Greek organizations combine to form Global Greeks

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The UA Global Greeks Program is a pilot program attempting to bring together students from the Greek and international communities.

Global Greeks is "designed to allow international students and Greek students on campus to interact and form networks with each other."

Almost every Greek house across campus has adopted at least one international student. The international students have one primary person of contact in the organization, and they are invited to attend different programs and functions in their host organization.

"The idea for this program came from talks we had with international students at LeaderShape," said Jong Shin, vice president of the Associated Student Government and creator of Global Greeks.

LeaderShape is a six-day intensive leadership program attended by UA students to form greater communication among students leaders from groups across campus.

"At LeaderShape, international students stressed that



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International Student Hee Jeong Kim, an economics major from South Korea, talks with Jeff Simone, a junior international relations major from Fayetteville, after their international economics class.

coming to a new country, new state and new university was tough when you just get a packet telling you 'welcome to America' and you are expected to adjust to an entirely new culture," Shin said.

Shin was further inspired to create this program because he was born in South Korea and moved to the United States when he was in second grade,

so he feels he knows to some extent what these students go through.

Global Greeks is designed to be a buddy system and not a mentor system, where students can mutually benefit from each other, rather than just the international student benefiting from the Greeks.

Greek students invite their international buddy to things

like dinner at the house, movies and dinner out with members of the chapter, functions, and outings around town.

On their application, potential Global Greeks participants were asked things like what their interests include, what

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Historic election prompts response from African-American community

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John Jones was happy with the 2008 election results, but he was somewhat disappointed with the watch party he was with. As the candidates made their final remarks, the people next to Jones made their own remarks, such as, "I never thought he'd be elected," and, "He'll be assassinated." Jones does not think those people knew he could hear them, and he hopes they change their mind. Still, he was a little surprised that Barack Obama could be elected president of the United States.

"I can remember watching the tears stream down Jesse Jackson's face. A lot of people from that generation felt this would never come," Jones said. "Personally, I thought I would see it, but not so soon."

Jones, president of the Student African American Brotherhood, is not alone in that sentiment. A recent CNN poll found that only 29 percent of African-Americans thought that an African-American would be elected to the presidency within their lifetime. Much like across the

nation, many African-Americans on campus have celebrated Obama's ascension to the presidency. However, they differ on what an Obama victory means for race relations in America and the world at large. Some think the biggest battles have been won, while others believe that this merely sets the stage for the next step in combating racism. All of them agree on its importance, though.

"This was the first time an African-American really had a shot at winning the presidency," said Earl Hill, another African-American student on campus. "He got many people who had never voted before to register."

Hill said this as someone who did not vote for Obama. Hill, the treasurer of the College Republicans, voted for John McCain because he believed McCain had more experience in military matters and thought the election was about national security, he said.

Obama's candidacy was important because many people in

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