Harkins, Carlson promotions discussed

By KIMBERLY WARD
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Recent changes in faculty and district administrative positions have sparked a certain amount of comment and controversy on campus and prompted the BC Academic Senate to place the issue on the agenda for its next meeting, Feb. 13. According to Don Johnson, who has been president of the Academic Senate for the past two years, the Senate has taken "no formal action" on the issue, which centers around the appointments of former Dean of Instruction Richard Harkins to the position of vice-president of the Kent Community College District (KCCD) and the retirement appointment of Assistant Dean of Instruction Dr. Charles Carlson, to fill Harkins' vacated position.

Dr. James Young, KCCD chancellor, explains that the procedure for administrative offices to be filled might occur "in a manner of years." "If we open up a position and bring people in, it becomes a long drawn-out process which can take up to four months," said Young. "Since we weren't going through with that because it takes so much time... Dick (Harkins) indicated he was interested and he was appointed. He was the only one who indicated any interest (in the position)."

After Harkins vacated his post as dean of instruction, Dr. Richard Wright, BC president, appointed Dr. Charles Carlson to the position "until such a time as a permanent replacement would be found." "Dr. Carlson has not yet been formally moved into that position," said Wright. "It may take some time to a permanent appointment... I simply haven't done it yet..."

While Wright explained that he went before the Academic Senate Wednesday to "consult" with Senate members, regarding the appointments, but that "he did not know what discussion they had" after the meeting, "we have a Board (KCCD) Policy Manual that governs many things," commented Johnson of the position in the District and it was filled without the benefit of the process. "That's not a good example to set."

Johnson also indicated that there was some ambivalence regarding the amount of time that both Harkins and Carlson will hold their respective positions. "First we were told six months, but..." commented Johnson.

"A long time ago someone decided that it was important for teachers to have a voice... We have that privilege and this is simply an exercise of it," commented Johnson, President of the BC Academic Senate.

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"The Senate understands that the position was temporary, according to Johnson, and "beyond six months promotes the shake-up process."

Harkins himself is somewhat undecided about how long he will stay in the District office, saying "I haven't made any specific decisions at this time," he commented.

"From my experience so far... I have been all possibilities... I would say chances are a few years, I will decide before March..."

Young commented that Harkins will "stay there (the District office) until he retires," if that is what he wishes.

Another concern of the Senate "unofficially," according to Johnson is that Carlson is taking on additional responsibilities and putting pressure as Dean of Instruction; yet he has not been promoted or given a raise.

"I believe it is Dr. Wright's intention to move Carlson to the dean of instruction, and I did explain the situation to Mr. Johnson," commented Johnson. "We have two ways of looking at it. One is that he, technically, did follow the procedure by coming to consult us before he officially promoted Carlson..."

However, Johnson added that the Board Policy Manual gives management the power to appoint. "What are we wondering is if this is a position that should be opened up positions are technically opened up," commented Johnson.

Johnson also questioned why Young did not consult the Senate before his decision of changes. "I don't know why they (the Districts) decided not to participate in the selection procedure," commented Johnson. "That is because he (Young) felt he didn't need the Senate involved with the job..."

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The Academy Senate, as a whole, will need to reexamine this situation. "Our only recourse is to proceed under the 'error and consider position of the policy manual," said Johnson. "But, basically, that is we can 'meet and confer' with the Board."

"The only power we have is to say that we find this action to be in violation of existing procedures," commented Johnson. "They can take our advice or ignore it."

ASB unaware Indian Festival means Hari Krishna

By CURT KASMARBAAD
News Editor

Last semester, the ASB Activities board approved a request for the ASB to participate in an exhibit which was displayed in Campus Center last fall. According to the motion, "Reactions were mixed; some were highly upset, others had their eyes opened to another culture," explained ASB President Sandra Mano. "I think it helped build their numbers."

The exhibit's coordinator Debbie Ward, Los Angeles, contacted Mano by telephone last semester with the idea for the exhibit. "I was originally asked by Ward if an exhibit could be assembled at BC, including booths to display Indian culture, was Mano. The exhibit was held on the BC campus last Tuesday night in a full-sized street rig, and the exhibit was in full operation by 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The idea was discussed by the ASB Board of Representatives and concern existed as to what concerns were expressed over the proposed activity. ASB was not aware of the festival being organized by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness until recently. "I didn't know until this morning," declared Kathy Roushelle BC District of student affairs, on opening day of the exhibit.

"I admit I was a bit concerned when I found out because I didn't know what the reaction was going to be," an ASB phone calls ensued right away," she added.

Roushelle explained that all activities involving the ISKCON were covered by a separate ISKCON board of directors activity. For all activities, including music, food, and student interaction must be approved by the ISKCON board of directors and by the Dean of Students.

Frank Giorcics, BC dean of students, agrees with Roushelle about student impact. "As a standard rule, I don't want anyone just jumping in there," said Giorcics. "Essentially, our concern is for students, talking with someone should be their choice."

Many students attacked the ISKCON as 'those people,' just because they are different than what we usually see, does that mean they are not people, she asked.

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It's election time again! Elections for ASB officers are scheduled for today, Wednesday, January 25, 1983, in the Student Center. The election will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 121, the former inscription room.

There were a number of positions open this semester: Associate Justice, President of Students Activities, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Representative of the Associated Students. The elections were held in the Student Center. The elections were held in the Student Center.

The candidates were as follows:

- **President of Students Organizations**:
  - **Vice President of Student Affairs**:
    - **Representative of the Associated Students**:

In addition to the positions mentioned above, there were also several other positions available, including positions in the Associated Students and the Associated Students Board.

Indian culture displayed

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A Festival of India which included an exhibit of Indian philosophy, music, vegetarian food, and art was set up in BC Center on Thursday.

The cultural event was held as part of a missionary tour of colleges in the western United States sponsored by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

When contacted by the ISKCON, which was held in the Student Center, the ISKCON asked if the students could display their culture. In the Student Center, the ISKCON set up a traditional "Trinidad" Astra Bhopal said, "We want to propagate the culture so people will believe the truth of life and body."

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In order to meet the demands of the students, the ASB Activities Board is looking for six new positions this year.

This season, the ASB Activities Board released the following information:

1. **President of Students Organizations**:
2. **Vice President of Student Affairs**:
3. **Representative of the Associated Students**

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