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Undergraduate Council gave approval Nov. 19 to the cultural diversity proposal as well as to a letter to accompany the resolution when it is sent to Kendall Baker, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The letter, from Eloise E. Clark, in her capacity as chair of Undergraduate Council, contains detailed "instructions" and concerns that had been raised during council meeting discussions of the report of the committee to study the feasibility of implementing a cultural diversity program.

The resolution, which endorses the creation of a program to deepen awareness and appreciation of the cultural diversity of the American population, requests Dr. Baker to appoint a coordinator, who, together with a University-wide advisory committee, will implement and develop appropriate courses for the general education curriculum.

In two years there will be an evaluation to determine if there are sufficient faculty, courses and resources to implement a top quality program. If it appears that the University is not ready to launch a quality program, additional work will be done and Undergraduate Council will be informed of the implementation date.

Council members decided to endorse the program in principle in order that faculty members can develop new courses and outside funding can be sought. Until the program is implemented, courses that are developed will be placed in one of the existing four education core categories. Although the College of Arts and Sciences will be charged with the major organizational responsibility, all colleges should try to develop courses in cultural diversity.

Students currently must take one course from each of the four general studies categories, plus an additional four courses. Under the resolution, when implemented, students will take two courses from each of five categories plus an additional three courses. Therefore reducing the students' elective choices by one course.

Council members agreed that the cultural diversity coordinator should work closely with the cultural diversity advisory committee to evaluate courses that are modified or developed and take initiatives of their own to reach the goals of the program.

In addition, the committee will be charged with evaluating such questions as whether segments of several courses could be used to achieve the goals. The committee will also address concerns that have been raised that understanding of the assimilation of immigrant cultures should be included in the goals of the program.

Resolution calls for coordinator, cooperation

Whereas, the Role and Mission Statement of the University affirms the importance of recognizing "the multicultural dimensions and ethnic pluralism within and adjacent to our national boundaries" and affirms that a mission of the University is "to create an environment which will uphold, promote and instill multicultural values in students, faculty and staff," and the University's implementation of the general education curriculum delineates in the report, it is "designed to give students an understanding of the multiple realities of a complex and culturally diverse world";

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Undergraduate Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee on Cultural Diversity and affords, in principle, the creation of a program that will deepen awareness and appreciation of the cultural diversity of the American population.

As one step toward this end, be it further resolved, that the dean of Arts and Science appoint a coordinator, who, together with a University-wide advisory committee, will initiate the review and development of appropriate courses for the general education curriculum;

Further, that the dean during the academic year 1988-89, will report progress toward the development of this program as a fifth category of the general education core to be implemented as a University-wide requirement.

The letter to Dr. Baker states that while there are disagreements with specific parts of the report on the cultural diversity program, the council agreed with the primary recommendation that all University students should take courses reflecting this area. The program is to act as one way to meet Bowling Green's goal of creating an environment which will uphold, promote and instill multicultural values in students, faculty and staff. The letter goes on to say, "While there is general agreement that the goal is laudable in that it will enhance the educational experience of our students, the reservations concerning its feasibility must not be underestimated."

A major problem cited centers on available resources. Strong faculty participation in the cultural diversity program has been emphasized since many faculty members told the conviction that the curriculum must not be dependent on graduate students for its primary implementation. However, the letter states that only a few of our current faculty members are trained in these areas of discourse. Although many may be willing to alter their courses to meet the criteria delineated in the resolution, it is clear that significant time and effort will be required to accommodate.

A knowledgeable coordinator, an active advisory group and funding for material development are recommended.

The resolution recognizes 36 faculty authors and composers
University will feel minimal reform impact

The federal tax reform law which takes effect next year changes the rules that apply to gifts, and tax deductions, and this will impact the flow of funds to the University, officials said.

But Dwight Bruning, vice president for development, said the effect on Bowling Green is minimal. "We are optimistic about future private giving," he said.

Actually, we do not expect any drastic change in giving patterns.

-Dwight Bruning

Committee named to 1987 award

President Olszczak and Faculty Senate, with the support of the United Way, announced their intention to create several special funds to help the University with its future needs.

Faculty and staff who have pledged to the United Way are encouraged to consider making a special deposit with the United Way during their term of employment to help the University with its future needs.

The authors include Bette J. Weinandy, student affairs, and Luann Crawford, associate director for University Relations.

Program to provide additional fellowships

About 80 of Ohio's state colleges will receive an additional $5,000 each for the 1987-88 academic year from the United Way. The new fellowships will be available for all public and private degree-granting institutions in Ohio which have at least 2,000 full-time students.

The program annually provides additional fellowships for the purpose of helping to retain students who are academically outstanding.

Retirees should observe new reform change

The Public Employee Retirement System announced today that the Tax Reform Act of 1986 will change the normal retirement age for state employees. The new age will be 65 for those who retire on or after July 1, 1986.

The law also provides that if the retiree received disability benefits prior to July 1, 1986, the amount of tax on the disability benefits paid after that date will be reduced by the amount paid before that date. This change will take effect on July 1, 1986.

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University will feel minimal reform impact

The federal tax reform law which takes effect next year changes the way taxes are assessed, and planners believe it will impact the way people think about saving for retirement.

But Dwight Burgham, vice president for development, said he expects the plan to have only a minimal impact on donors and on the University's financial picture.

"We're not expecting it to have a profound impact on our financial picture," Burgham said. "We're not anticipating major changes.

In terms of the Federal Tax Reform Act which took effect last month, Burgham said the law will affect the way people think about saving for retirement. For example, there will be a limit on how much you can contribute to a retirement plan, but the law does not change the way people contribute to the University.

"In terms of our tax planning, we're not anticipating major changes," Burgham said. "We're not anticipating major changes.

Students who are planning to give next year will have to work with tax professionals to figure out the impact of the law. But Burgham said he is not anticipating major changes for the University.

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As far as the Federal Tax Reform Act, Burgham said the University will be able to continue to provide scholarships and grants as before, but it may have to look at other methods of funding.

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The University's tax planners are working with the Internal Revenue Service to determine how the law will affect the University.

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Classified employees win basketball tickets

Twelve-six classified employees were awarded basketball tickets for their efforts in helping home game teams. Each employee of the five teams received two tickets to the respective game.

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Janet Clayborne, secretary to the dean, of the School of Mass Communication for the spring 1986 semester, was given the newly announced position of chairman of the Department of Journalism. Dr. Clayborne, who has been on the faculty since 1978, will be in charge of the department. She is the first female chairman of the School of Mass Communication since it was founded.

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Jill Granger, professor of mass communication, was appointed associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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