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Senate president calls senate an embarrassment

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Inner conflict and controversy continued at Monday's senate meeting with Senate President Pat Smith saying, "I'm embarrassed by this body," and storming out of the room.

Smith adjourned the meeting with no formal motion from the senators after a CSUN judicial council candidate withdrew his nomination.

The controversy stems from the application of Freshman Eric Feldman, a political science major who applied to one

of three vacant judicial council seats.

According to Joe Mills, student government vice president, the judicial council consists of five to seven members who interpret CSUN's constitution and actions of different entities of CSUN.

Feldman submitted his application for the judicial council two days after the deadline in December.

The senate voted against Feldman's appointment to the judicial council at the Feb. 26 senate meeting.

An extra judicial council seat was to be opened up sometime

in February when two-year Associate Chief Justice Zenzee Rios vacated a fourth seat on the council.

Feldman's appointment to the judicial council was raised again at the March 11 senate meeting. After a lengthy discussion concerning his eligibility, Feldman withdrew his application.

"I withdrew because I felt like tensions between members of the executive board was playing a big part in my nomination," Feldman said.

"There is a lack of organization in the system and I got penalized," Feldman added.

"They have a lot of work to do. They need to get aside from bickering, petty agendas and personal vendettas."

Veronica Perez, liberal arts senator, said Feldman should not have been considered for a judicial council seat. "My opposition to Feldman taking the seat had nothing to do with him personally," Perez said. "The process was done incorrectly (by the executive board) and was out of his (Feldman's) control."

"I really sympathize with him (Feldman) and I think he's well-qualified but I couldn't vote yes for something

that was done incorrectly and unethically," Perez continued.

Perez added that Feldman's application was not time-stamped, another procedural error.

Mills said a lack of communication between executive board members, including John Pida, student government president, Smith, and Mills, resulted in Feldman being considered for one of the three seats. According to the CSUN constitution, any candidate applying late cannot be considered as an applicant to

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UNLV student's mother missing for 23 days

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Members of a UNLV fraternity assisted student David Turner Thursday in the search for his mother, who has been missing for 23 days.

Fourteen Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity members joined Turner, former CSUN Nevada Student Affairs director, at the Lucky Supermarket at Flamingo Road and Rainbow Boulevard, where Turner's mother, Barbara Turner-Elliott, was last seen.

The group congregated outside the store and distributed fliers containing Turner Elliott's photo, a photo of her car, and information about her case to customers entering and leaving the store.

Turner-Elliott, 58, has been missing since Feb. 19. Police found her abandoned 1988 Honda Accord Feb. 22 in the Angel Park Golf Club parking

lot, approximately two miles from her home. Her purse and cellular phone were inside the vehicle.



Turner-Elliott

"I've known David (Turner) for four years," said Pat Smith, senate president and Pi Kappa Alpha member. "I saw what was going on and wanted my organization to help."

"At the very least it (Pi Kappa Alpha's help) gave David some support and let him know people are behind him," Smith said.

Terence Carroll, senator for the engineering college and Pi Kappa Alpha member, said the group received positive response from passersby.

"Most people were pretty willing to take them (the fliers)," Carroll said. "A lot of people saw the story (about Turner-Elliott's disappearance) on the news and were eager to help."

"A lot of response from the public was 'Wow, this really hit close to home,'" Carroll said.

Turner said his purpose in distributing the missing person fliers is to create awareness of the situation. "Maybe it will spark someone's mind," Turner said. "Maybe someone saw something."

"Anytime you have people standing out there, there's a chance that someone might know something and will call Secret Witness," Carroll said.

Turner said Pi Kappa Alpha's support was unexpected but appreciated. "The Pikes last night made me very proud," Turner said.

"All my life I've never wanted to accept help from people," Turner continued. "This is a situation...sometimes you need help."

Turner said three other fraternities, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and Alpha Tau Omega, have committed to help distribute fliers Monday at the same location. "If we have to do this again next week and the week after, I'll do it until I'm out there alone," Turner said.

Turner said police issued the missing person flier and paid the printing costs for 200 copies. CSUN paid for 100 copies of the flier, while Alphagraphics, at 4550 S. Maryland Parkway, donated over 200 copies.

According to police, little progress has been made on Turner-Elliott's case.

Sgt. Kevin Manning said dried vegetation found on the car and damage to the front of

the car are making it more difficult to determine what happened to Turner-Elliott.

"Vegetation across the (Las Vegas) valley is pretty much the same, so this makes it more difficult to isolate an area (where the vegetation came from)," Manning said.

Metro Det. David Mesinar said Wednesday Turner-Elliott's husband of eight months, Clarence Elliot, is not cooperating with police. "He's (Elliot) got an attorney so it's very difficult to get any information from him," Mesinar said. "We don't know why he won't talk to us."

"This is the first time in my life I've ever felt helpless, but I'm taking it day by day," Turner said.

If anyone has information concerning the disappearance of Turner-Elliott, they are asked to call Mesinar at 229-3521 or Metro at 497-9371.

Harter promises student-focused campus

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UNLV can become the most spectacular university in the world, said UNLV President Carol Harter Friday to a group of nearly 200 people.

"We can create a new paradigm because we're not required to be the 150-year-old entrenched, entirely shaped institution that all universi-

ties are," Harter said. "We can shape our own destiny in ways that many other places never could and certainly can't now. We are young enough and unformed enough to become whatever it is we really want to become."

Harter said the goal is to transform UNLV into a "premier urban university."

Premier, Harter said, means a commitment to excellence and quality.

"The students we recruit, retain and graduate, we want to be of the highest quality," Harter said. "The faculty that we recruit, motivate and reward, the highest possible quality."

Harter said premier requires

the university to be more focused.

"We aren't simply reaching out in every possible direction," said UNLV's first woman president. "We don't want 'an open door to be all things to all people stuff.'"

Becoming more selective will assist UNLV in reaching the "premier" status, Harter said. To be more selective, she said UNLV must increase its pool of applicants.

"We are not going to be accessible to everyone," Harter said. "Not only are we trying to recruit the best students, what I hope is to become so attractive to increasingly large groups of prospective students."

Harter said that increasing the pool of prospective students would eliminate the need to increase admission standards. This, she said, would be a side-effect of higher quality students.

"With more students to choose from we will automatically have a higher quality profile without having to confront (raising admission standards)."

Another goal toward building a "premier" university is to become more student-focused, Harter said.

"Put the students in the center of our lives and our thinking about virtually everything we do," said the New York City native. "Put students'

success at the center of what our lives are about, and student learning at the center."

Harter said part of becoming more student-focused is making education at UNLV more efficient.

"We need to speed the process of graduation so that it doesn't go way beyond four years," Harter said.

Becoming more focused also requires serving the students more effectively, Harter said.

"This is everything from how we admit them, to the bills we charge them, to the financial aid we confer, to the student life we involve them," Harter said.

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