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DSG approved a proposal for a soft quota on the number of pages each student can print via ePrint each semester.



DSG Chief of Staff Paul Slattery presents a proposal to change the cost structure of Duke's auxiliary services.

DSG approves ePrint soft quota for '07-'08

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Duke Student Government unanimously endorsed a soft quota on the number of pages available per student through ePrint set to start Fall 2007 at its weekly meeting Wednesday night.

The proposal came from the Office of Information Technology.

Each student will be granted 1,800 pages per semester with the ability to request free quota increases of 500 pages, said Kevin Davis, senior manager at OIT for academic technology services.

Davis added that all quota-increase requests will be granted in the 2007-2008 academic year, but if students exceed their quota, their FLEX account will be charged for the additional printing until a request has been made.

Davis said the limit will force students to be more prudent with their printing and encourage environmentally minded reductions in the amount of wasted paper.

"We're hoping we'll have a positive impact through the incentive for double-sided printing," he said. "Right now we do 27-million pages on ePrint and only 10 to 15 percent is double-sided."

The DSG Senate also listened to a presentation by Chief of Staff Paul Slattery, a junior, advocating for a procedure to increase funding for auxiliary services such as dining, parking and transportation and event management.

The report recommends abandoning the cost-recovery model-which states that an increase in cost in one aspect of auxiliary services must be accompanied by an equal decrease in cost in another.

Slattery said the change will allow elements of auxiliary services to be subsidized without having to cut costs within other areas of auxiliary services.

Reports such as the Campus Culture Initiative and the strategic plan emphasize the importance of strengthening auxiliary services, but the restrictive cost-recovery model limits such an expansion, Slattery said.

"The idea is to stop treating auxiliary services like the forgotten child," he said. "All these [reports] point to how important it is. They all talk about dining and community, so put your money where your mouth is."

President Elliott Wolf, a junior, said DSG's past efforts to improve auxiliary services have often failed due to the budgetary limits of the cost-recovery model.

"Every time you go to [the administration] and ask for a new bus route they say, 'No, we're on cost-recovery,'" Wolf said. "The buses that drive on East [Campus] to West [Campus] are not street legal-those relics are a result of parking [and transportation's] inability to allocate capital."

Slattery said he has spoken to administrators regarding the proposal and will continue to work with them toward its possible implementation.

In other business:

The Senate unanimously endorsed a resolution supporting the option of co-ed blocking, which was presented by senator Tim Gu, a sophomore.

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