

OEA votes in support of faculty evaluation

The faculty evaluation proposal has won the support of the Ohio Education Association (OEA) membership with 84 votes providing full support and 49 votes against the proposal. An additional 23 OEA members voted in support of the proposal with reservations. About 35 percent of the membership failed to vote.

Faculty who were not members of the OEA voted against the proposal, with 30 in opposition to the 16 in full support, and seven supporting with reservations. About 42 percent of the non-members failed to vote.

The results were released by Everette Abrams, geology, president of the OEA, who said that the OEA executive committee and hence the negotiating team feel "morally bound" to follow the decision of the membership.

Abrams said the low number of non-members voting could be partially explained by the limits

of OEA interest in their sentiments. Abrams had said earlier that even if the majority of the faculty voted against the proposal, the negotiating team would support it if a majority of members were in favor of it.

The non-members were being polled, said Abrams, because the negotiating team was interested in how they felt.

The total faculty in full-support of the proposal was 100. The total faculty against was 81. Thirty faculty in all supported the proposal with reservations.

Abrams said many in the latter group submitted letters explaining their reservations, most of which were of a "technical" nature, according to Abrams.

The tallying of votes was done last Friday by Dr. Charles Singler, geology, OEA chairperson of elections, with the assistance of Dr. Christopher Sweeney, psychology, Dr. Friedrich Koknat,

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chemistry, and Dr. Mark Masaki, psychology.

Observers in the tally included Bill Brown, nursing, president of Student Government, and Dr. Bill

Swan, director of the faculty personnel office, as well as members of the OEA.

The faculty evaluation proposal is designed to improve instruction at YSU. Its results will be used as a basis for promotion and retention. A minimum of 40 percent of the evaluation is based upon student evaluation of the instructor.