

New Student Services, Godwin to make move to SUB

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The new vice president of student affairs will be housed in the SUB, but the expansion of the office into the existing Vandal Lounge is still uncertain.

At the ASUI Senate meeting Wednesday night, a plan was proposed to the senate which would expand New Student Services, located in Room 154 of the SUB, into half of the existing Vandal Lounge. This would cut down on student study space in the SUB.

The move came at the request of University of Idaho President Elisabeth Zinser. Zinser refused to comment on the move or the possible expansion Monday.

According to SUB general manager Dean Vettrus, the recen-

tly named acting vice president Hal Godwin will share the existing New Student Services office with its personnel until a final decision concerning expansion can be reached.

Vettrus said student leaders will be gaining student input on the expansion proposal by visiting campus living groups over the next two weeks. All plans are on hold until then.

According to Vettrus, Godwin wanted to wait until he had time to hear from students.

"Godwin felt this was the best way to handle the situation," he said.

Godwin was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

The money to fund the expansion project will come from the university, either directly or

indirectly.

Vettrus said if the SUB makes the improvements to the office area, New Student Services will be charged an increased rental fee for tenant improvements. Otherwise, the university will fund the project by making the improvements itself.

Terry Armstrong, professor of education and former executive assistant to the president, said the move will benefit students.

"The SUB is, and always has been, the center of student activity," Armstrong said. "Being close to the students makes a lot of sense."

Armstrong formerly assumed the responsibilities of vice president of student affairs, which has been a vacant office since the early 1980s.

Armstrong said the move was timely since the financial aid office will soon be moving into the old bookstore, and since the vice president should be as close as possible to his responsibilities.

Terry Maurer, director of university communications, said the move will be a positive one for the university as a whole.

"I think it (the move) is an indication of the importance the university places on student affairs," Maurer said.

Godwin's duties as vice president include overseeing Career Services, the Counseling Center, Financial Aid, the Student Health Service, Student Advisory Services, and the SUB management. When the announcement of a permanent vice president is made, which committee mem-

bers hope will be before July 1, 1990, student housing and University Dining Services will also report to the vice president.

These two departments currently report to the office of the vice president for finance.

The search committee for a permanent vice president is chaired by Ray Dacey, dean of the school of business. Members include Thomas Bell, vice president for academic affairs, Marian Horton, director of new student services, Professor Duane LeTourneau, Jim Morris, director of student counseling services, Matt Telin, director of admissions and registrar, Judy Wallins, director of the learning resource center, Professor Florence "Pat" White and a student that will be named later.