Likins to release revisions
President, provost tell Faculty Senate to expect amended Focused Excellence changes

By Jeff Sklar Senior Writer

Senior administrators expect to release revised versions this week of plans to eliminate 16 university programs, Provost George Davis told the Faculty Senate yesterday.

Davis and President Pete Likins have been reviewing responses from deans and vice presidents to proposals they released in January calling for the elimination of the programs, which range from environmental hydrology to landscape architecture.

At least some of those responses include pleas to save the programs or alternatives to eliminating them. Davis wouldn’t hint after the meeting how he and Likins would respond, but he told the senate they would publicly release their thoughts this week.

Those plans will then undergo an extensive faculty review process, unless all affected faculty agree to the changes Likins and Davis propose.

That process hasn’t yet been triggered for any of the proposed changes, said Faculty Chair Jury Hancock.

“We’re just not at that stage yet,” Hancock said.

Likins had hoped to present more than 40 proposals for cuts, mergers and reorganizations.

Econ building may get new name

A recent proposal that would have renamed the Economics building after Yuma-born farm labor organizer Cesar Chavez was met with support, but not approval, last week in its first steps toward a name change.

Antonio Estrada, director of the Mexican American Studies and Research Center and Socorro Carrizosa, director of the UA Chicano/Hispanic Student Affairs, sent the proposal to President Pete Likins and the Naming Advisory Committee Thursday. However, it failed to meet a part of the naming procedure that requires results showing support from occupants of the facility under consideration, said Wanda Howell, head of the naming committee.

“There was certainly a rationale for wanting the name change, but they didn’t provide enough of a consistency to merit it at this point,” said Howell. “We had people in my subcommittee, who have offices in the building, who said they hadn’t heard anything about it before now.”

UAPD hopes to curb speeding, accidents

Speed monitor will show drivers’ speed; measure traffic flow

By Arek Sarkissian II Senior Writer

Motorists on campus might want to think twice when racing down the streets and avenues that cross the university.

A new device already popular in construction zones across Tucson has finally made it to the UA to help curb speeding.

The speed-monitoring device, which consists of a radar gun and a large flashing billboard, not only tells motorists how fast they’re traveling but also collects data.

University of Arizona Police Department Sgt. Mike Smith said the data could be used to help identify problem areas around campus.

“It’s really an educational tool. It helps people know what the speed is,” Smith said.

UAPD Cmdr. Kevin Haywood said Traffic Enforcement Officer Jason Brei initially expressed the need for the device. He said the device would start the crackdown on campus speeding, which in turn would lessen vehicle collisions and crashes.

“I was just at an accident the other day, which could have been prevented by speed. One person didn’t see the other,” Brei said. “It’s also a problem with so many pedestrians out there.”

While Smith said UAPD is also trying to crack down on other traffic offenses across campus, speeding was a top priority.

Brei added that the majority of collisions and crashes he has seen on campus could have been avoided if one or both of the drivers weren’t speeding.

Brei said the device was a gift from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, who could not be reached for comment.

Saddam targeted in U.S. strike

WASHINGTON — An American bomber struck a residential complex in Baghdad yesterday after U.S. intelligence received information that Saddam Hussein, his sons and other top Iraqi leaders might be meeting there, U.S. officials said.

There was no immediate word on who might have been killed, but U.S. officials said they had evidence the target had been destroyed. “There is a big hole where that target used to be,” one U.S. official said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.