

colleges on all four campuses will have one bargaining unit?

SENATOR NEWELL: That's correct.

SENATOR CULLAN: Then what you're saying is, and the reason for that is so that they can bargain with one board, one faculty group with one board, is that the logic?

SENATOR NEWELL: That's correct. And that's the problem that was...that I have been told exists and I want to make it just to that, and not deal with the entire issue which sets some precedents that I think may be detrimental.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, thank you, Senator Newell, I appreciate your explanation on not having the benefit of seeing your amendment in writing. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to alert you to what Senator Newell is attempting to do here. He is setting a double standard for the negotiations in the educational institutions of the state of Nebraska. We have the Board of Regents, we have six Boards of Governors for the technical community colleges across the state, and then we have the Board of Trustees, and he is saying that the Board of Trustees will have just one faculty unit to negotiate with, whereas the Board of Regents may have two or three, and now he is exempting the Boards of Governors for the technical community colleges, and they can have two or three, and so he is setting the state colleges apart from the rest of the educational institutions in this state, and he is doing that I think, primarily, because there have been some very severe disagreements as far as bargaining units are concerned in the state college system, and specifically the faculty at Chadron State College is in disagreement with some of the other faculty members at the other state colleges and don't necessarily want to be part of a systemwide bargaining unit. Now it's my belief that if the Legislature believes that we should have one unit for each...for one system, which is what we're proposing here for the state colleges, then we should probably have one unit for each system. Why should the state colleges be treated any differently than the University? Why should the state colleges be treated any differently than the technical community colleges? Now I have a lot of questions, I don't understand why this one system is being singled out and in particular why the faculty members at Chadron State College cannot determine for themselves what bargaining unit they want to be in. Now I'm not...I'm out of my area of knowledge when I start talking about labor, and so you'll have to correct me, Senator Newell, if I'm making a mistake, but right now I would object to your amendments. I would