Students will be asked to vote on a new method of distributing student incidental fees in Wednesday and Thursday's ASUO general election.

The incidental fee is automaticaly assessed as part of a student's tuition, and will be about $18 a term next year. ASUO programs and services provided for students are funded through the incidental fee.

Senator John Winkleman's plan would place a list of all ASUO funded programs, including the Athletic Department and the EMU, in the students registration packet. Students would be required to distribute their money among the programs and agencies. One category would include money to be given to the student senate to spend as it sees fit. Each program would be funded with the amount it received from student check offs.

ASUO election features incidental fee measure

ASUO programs are presently evaluated by the student senate. The amount of money necessary to efficiently meet administrative costs of a program are determined, and the senate funds each program with a specific yearly budget.

On the ballot it states Winkleman's plan would be binding on the ASUO and the State Board of Higher Education beginning this May. ASUO Vice President Larry Salmony said that this is impossible.

"It's clear by the wording of the petition that he doesn't understand the workings of the incidental fee. Action by a student vote at the University of Oregon in no way has

the authority to over-ride decisions of the University president or the State Board of Higher Education," Salmony said.

The incidental fee budget for next year has already been approved by President Clark, and is being considered by the State Board. Salmony explained that if the measure is passed it will not go into effect until the 1973-74 budget year.

Salmony said the ballot information can't be corrected because the measure was placed on the ballot by a student initiative petition. An initiative petition, requires 750 student signitures, and can not be altered by the vice-president.

Winkleman said he is aware the proposal may not take effect next year, but says he will be happy to have it on record as the method for future funding.

Salmony pointed out the ballot measure before the students doesn't identify the method for setting the level of the student incidental fee. Presently the senate divides its recommended agency budget by the projected enrollment for the academic year.

"To assume that the incidental fee can be set in spring without any attempt to review programs needs, and set a minimum fee level necessary to fund programs is absurd," Salmony said.

Winkleman said a method for setting the fee will have to be worked out in the future. "Possibly students could vote on the level of the incidental fee. I don't know how it would work. Maybe each student could put down an amount on the ballot and an average could be taken," he said.

Defeat looms for school budgets

Proposed budgets for the Eugene and Springfield school districts were going down to defeat in Monday night's voting.

At presstime, the Eugene budget of $24 million was being defeated by a vote of Yes—4438 and No—5871. A district official estimated that 70 per cent of the ballots had been counted.

In Springfield, the proposed $10.8

million budget was losing by some 700 votes. With about 98 per cent of the vote counted, the tally was Yes—1873, No—2519.

In the Eugene School Board race, the incumbent Position 4, Jonathan West, was the apparent victor with 4328 votes. His two opponents, Floyd Blaser and John Petrick, trailed with 2348 and 1263 votes.

The race for Position 3 was quite close with two candidates running a tight race. Barbara West had 2264 votes and Roberts Kraus tallied 2031. The other candidates trailed: Lora Webb, the incumbent, 1648, James Jeppesen, 1554, David Maier 500, Dennis DeGross 225.

A district official said it would probably be at least five weeks before another budget proposal is submitted to the voters.

Ballot to include reapportionment vote

The ASUO Senate held an emergency meeting Monday night to approve a senate reapportionment referendum for Wednesday and Thursday's general election ballot.

ASUO Vice President Larry Salmony told Senate President David Jennings Monday afternoon that he was considering scratching the reapportionment referendum from the ballot. Salmony said that the method used by the senate to place the plans on the ballot was unconstitutional.

The senate appointed an ad hoc reapportionment committee to act with the power of the senate and draw up plans for the general election ballot. Salmony said that when the committee was formed the senators had no idea what plans would go on the ballot or how many would appear. He said that constitutionally a two-thirds vote of the present and voting members of the senate is necessary to place referendums on the ballot.

Senators met hastily and approved the referendum which includes six proposals for restructuring the senate. The only debate on the measure centered around the validity of Salmony's decision.

"The senate gave the committee the power to do whatever it wanted," Sen. Mike Marsh protested.

Jennings said that the power Salmony wielded was his access to the ballots to cross off the referendum.

The senate referendum will be a non-binding poll of student opinion on senate reapportionment.

One of the plans, drawn up by former senator Fred Loveys, will probably appear on the ballot as a seperate measure, Salmony said.

Loveys' plan, which apportions the senate by departmental, class, and ethnic interests, would be a constitutional

amendment and binding on the senate if passed. Loveys has been working to get the 1,500 student signatures necessary to make his measure constitutionally binding. He must have his petitions to Salmony sometime before Wednesday.

Co-op board fills vacancies

Seven vacancies were filled during last week's co-op elections. The winners and their positions are as follows: John Wish—faculty position, Brian Mahoney—freshman position, Pete Hall and Mike Hummel—sophomore positions, Marie Hartman and Pieter Dykman—graduate student positions, and Mike Doran—student at-large position.

Out of a total co-op membership of 4,000 students and faculty, only 354 ballots were cast. Co-op General Manager Gerald Henson expressed concern over the light turn-out, and blamed it on student apathy in general.

Senate criticizes U.S. policy in anti-war letters to officials

The ASUO Senate is formally expressing its disapproval of the Vietnam War by sending letters to President Nixon and the Paris delegations of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong).

The letters are a result of ASUO Senator Roger Vavrosky's amendment to the senate anti-war mobilization bill which passed last Thursday.

The bill, incorporating the word "mobilization" instead of 'strike' to imply more than a one-day action, stated the senate's support of the planned May 4

activities and requested the same support of University President Robert Clark.

Vavrosky's letters to the Paris delegations will express "our undaunted support for the people of South Vietnam in their fight for self-determination from United States imperialist aggression, and support for the South Vietnamese people's struggle for freedom and unity over the fascist and oppressive U.S.-Thieu clique that controls the government of South Vietnam."

The letter addressed to President Nixon will condemn his bombing policies.