

ASUO budget process already gone haywire

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The ASUO's new budgeting process has already gone off schedule.

Only 21 programs turned in initial budget requests by Monday, the deadline set by the Executive for submission of those documents.

An additional 10 programs have complied to date. Four have yet to respond.

But, Jim Davis, ASUO vice president, says no penalty will be assessed against programs which failed to meet the deadline if the requests are in by Friday. Despite the fact that the Executive has stressed the importance of strict adherence to budget deadlines, Davis says, "we have to be a little lenient with this one."

"We kind of expected this," he claims. "So we were prepared to allow programs a little extra time if they need it. We planned a two-day leeway."

Although the Executive's official budget

criteria does not substantiate this Davis says that is because "if we told the programs they had a two-day leeway they would have just taken that much longer to finish their work."

He says the Executive is only constitutionally bound to meet the "major" deadlines — Feb. 23, when the final Executive recommendations must be submitted to the IFC; and May 14, the deadline for transmittal of the formal budget document to the University president. The other deadlines are "flexible."

"They're just intended to help us meet the major deadlines. They can be stretched a little bit either way."

All programs were informed of the deadline schedule in November. At that time, ASUO President Jim Bernau defended his proposal for a new budgeting procedure by saying it would "prevent a foul-up like last year."

Last year's ASUO budget failed to reach the University president's desk by the July 1

deadline. So Bernau decided to replace the old budgeting method of extensive hearings for each program.

The new process, dubbed budget-counter budget, was to involve a three-way exchange of written budget requests and recommendations between the programs, the Executive and the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC). Its success, the president explained, would rest largely on adherence to a strict deadline schedule.

"There will be no problem with the process not being completed on time," Bernau told the *Emerald*. "I've outlined each deadline, set the guidelines and if either the IFC or the Executive fails to comply, they will lose their role in the budget process."

The Executive claims it will be stricter about enforcing compliance with the major deadlines. It has combined steps two and three of the schedule (involving the initial Executive and IFC counterbudgets) so that the first recommendations will be completed by Wednesday as scheduled.

The two bodies are meeting in joint sessions this week and next to insure that. Their success may depend on whether or not the remaining programs get their budgets in by then.

And they will, insists Davis. "If they don't, they will just be out of the budgeting process. I personally will not favor any type of Executive recommendation for programs which do not submit budgets by this Friday."

According to the vice president, two of the four programs which have not yet responded, Housing and Man and the Oregon Coast, were "excused" because of technical difficulties. The Political Science Student Union and the Social Workers Interest Group, however, were not granted extensions.

"They had no excuse, and as far as I'm concerned, they will have hurt themselves even if they respond by Friday," says Davis. "The fact that they're so late is bound to affect the response they receive from the executive."

Programs which have turned in budget proposals to date have requested a total of \$268,996.19. Last year the same programs were allocated a total of \$149,495.10, a difference of \$119,501.09.

A compilation of individual requests, compared with last year's allocations, can be found on page 11.



Resignation launches IFC candidate search

Veteran member Dave Donley resigned from the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) Thursday.

He did so because he will graduate at the end of the term, according to ASUO Pres. Jim Bernau.

Donley could not be reached for comment. However, in a letter he stated that he was resigning in order to devote more time to the Mac Court proposal.

Bernau hopes to select a new member within ten days. The ASUO constitution states that the ASUO president must fill the vacancy until a new member can be elected in the spring.

Candidates are being solicited by the ASUO. IFC positions are paid during the budgeting process, and require a minimum of 20 hours work per week until budget completion in the spring, according to Bernau.

The IFC will recommend five candidates to fill the opening. Final selection will be completed after the candidates are interviewed by members of the IFC, Bernau and Jim Davis. Selection will be influenced by past performance and familiarity with budget matters.



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- 3:00 p.m.-Centennial in Multi-Image, Don L. Hunter, Gerlinger Alumni Lounge
- 4:00 p.m.-Centennial Keynote Address: Dr. Kingman Brewster, President Yale University, EMU Ballroom
- 7:00 p.m.-Swim Meet, UO vs. Pacific Lutheran, Leighton Pool
- 7:30 p.m.-Concert, Beall Concert Hall
- Wrestling, UO vs. U.C., Berkeley, McArthur Court
- 8:00 p.m.-Lecture, The Second Empire Style in Oregon, Prof. Marion Ross, 107 Lawrence
- WIA Basketball, UO vs. SOSC, B-54 Gerlinger Annex
- 9:00 p.m.-Centennial Dance, EMU Ballroom

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

- 9:30 a.m.-Reception, Second Floor Lobby, EMU
- 10:00 a.m.-Symposium on Higher Education, Speakers: Kingman Brewster, Yale University; Roger Heyns, President, ACE; Edith Green, former Congresswoman from Oregon; Charles Ping, Ohio University, Athens.
- 12:00 noon-Centennial Luncheon (reservations only, 686-3021) EMU Dining Room
- 1:00 p.m.-WIA Gymnastics, UO vs. LBCC, Gerlinger Annex
- 2:30 p.m.-Inauguration of William Boyd, EMU Ballroom (features premiere performance of "Centennial Variations and Finale" by Hal Owen, Music.)
- 4:00 p.m.-Reception, Museum of Art
- 7:00 p.m.-Centennial in Multi-Image, Don L. Hunter, Gerlinger Alumni Lounge
- WIA Swimming, UO vs. UW, Leighton Pool
- 8:00 p.m.-Recital, School of Music, Beall Concert Hall
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