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31 seek ASUO power

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Thirty-one candidates will be vying for 25 spots in the ASUO hierarchy during elections this month.

Along with the ASUO president, seven Incidental Fee Committee members, four EMU Board members and 13 Student University Affairs Board members will be elected during the two-stage election.

The primary elections will be held April 15-16, and the general elections a week later, April 22-23.

Four candidates filed for ASUO president before Monday's deadline. They are: Thomas Brannon, an undeclared junior; Donovan Guy, a sophomore majoring in political science; Bruce Mills, a senior majoring in rhetoric communication; and Rich Wilkins, a junior majoring in political science.

Ten candidates have filed for the Incidental Fee Committee, the group responsible for allocating more than \$2 million in student funds.

The candidates are: law student Steve Baldwin; law student Julie Bell; law student Cathi Buone; Alan Contreras, a junior majoring in political science; law student Keith Cushing; David Gibson, a sophomore majoring in political science; Pamela Jordan, a junior majoring in music; Kathleen Phinney, a sophomore majoring in fine arts; John Miche, a senior majoring in mathematics; and law student Karsten Rasmussen.

Six candidates have filed for the EMU Board, which is charged with setting EMU policy and assisting in the day-to-day operation of the union.

Jonathan Bernstein, a senior majoring in health and history, has filed for both the IFC and the EMU Board and was unavailable Monday for clarification.

Ten candidates have filed for six SUAB seats, leaving seven seats with no candidates. SUAB members are elected according to academic majors.

Vying for the business and economics seat are: Keith Johnson, a senior majoring in finance and economics; and Tamae Moriyasu, a sophomore majoring in business.

Kevin Conover, a sophomore, and Paul Rudinsky, also a sophomore, have filed for the undeclared seat. Cheryl Steinhilber, a sophomore majoring in journalism, and David Kosse, a freshman majoring in journalism, have filed for the journalism seat.

Competing for the political science seat are sophomore David Newell and freshman David Montgomery.



Photo by Steve Dykes

Here comes the sun

While many students frolicked in recent sunny weather, others preferred to just soak it up. But warm weather watchers may be disappointed today: Forecasts predict partial cloudiness and a return of showers by this afternoon.

Campus leaders happy with Olum



Paul Olum

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By MARIAN GREEN
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All signs indicate that University leaders and faculty members are pleased with the appointment of Paul Olum as University president.

After a nine-month search, the State Board of Higher Education unanimously appointed Olum president Friday.

Graduate school dean Richard Hersh characterizes the board's choice as "fantastic."

"Paul combines the qualities of honesty and courage with compassion and energy," Hersh says. "When you get all those qualities in one man who understands what we mean by quality (of education) then you have a good leader."

"He's a scholar who understands the critical necessity of research for this kind of university," says Hersh, the provost for research and development.

ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton says Olum will be an active advocate for students and higher education.

"He has been unwilling to compromise the quality of our education at the state board meetings," Eaton says.

Eaton also praised Olum's relationship with the ASUO.

"He has always dealt with us in a very open and honest manner," he says. "He comes right out and tells us what he thinks of issues."

Douglas Wilson, director of the University Foundation, says the choice of Olum is "excellent" from the foundation's

standpoint.

"He meets people very well, and I've been impressed with the contacts that he's made," Wilson says. "He's been very willing and even eager to meet with alumni and friends around the state."

Head librarian George Shipman characterizes Olum as a "pragmatic person who is able to get to the heart of issues quickly without spinning his wheels."

"He knows his University and its needs and knows the push-buttons in higher education and the state for getting answers," Shipman says. "I'm very comfortable with Paul in that he feels fervently about the University and higher education and yet doesn't become strident and overreact."

Glenn Starlin, acting dean of the arts and sciences college, echoed the others' opinions.

"He has a long distinguished record as a scholar and teacher and is meritorious as an administrator," Starlin says.

Starlin predicts Olum "will move forward with vigor and with prudent judgment."

Olum, 62, had served as acting president since July, when former president William Boyd resigned to head the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wisconsin.

As the University's 13th president, Olum will receive a yearly salary of \$61,368 and an expense account of \$4,068. He also may choose to live in a University-owned residence.