

University is put to the test for accreditation Budgeting

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The University gets a report card every 10 years. And this is finals week.

A 13-member accreditation team from the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges will be on campus today, Wednesday, and Thursday, to examine the University and its performance, said Alison Baker, executive assistant to the

ty of University faculty, the library, the computer center, other University facilities, the University's financial situation, and a whole range of other aspects on campus, she said.

Baker has been in charge of preparing the University for the accreditation examination.

"The accreditation team members will talk to faculty, staff and students," Baker said. "The rules are they can go

mation on all academic programs, faculty, staff, etc., said University Provost Richard Hill. But no changes were made at the University for the accreditation team's visit specifically, Hill said.

Hill is acting as University president until President Paul Olum returns from Washington D.C. on Wednesday.

Both Baker and Hill agree the University probably will be reaccredited, but losing the accreditation is "always a possibility," Hill said.

"I have known of programs that were not reaccredited, and it's usually because of a lack of staff or a lack of qualified staff, but I don't think that will happen here at the University of Oregon," he said.

The accreditation is "very important" for the University, Hill said. "Not being accredited would have a very negative impact on the University, both in terms of students, and in terms of public support."

Next week, the accreditation

team will issue a preliminary report on the overall quality of the University. Next month, the team will issue a more complete report, Baker said.

"The report will likely be critical of certain aspects, such as not having preregistration," Baker said.

Other problems may include a lack of space for faculty offices and classrooms and a lack of equipment in some departments, Hill said.

The NASC accreditation team is made up of higher education experts headed by the president of Montana State University.

Each team member will examine a specific area of the University, Baker said. Members will be assigned to grade the administration, the continuing education programs, the sciences, the humanities, the social sciences, the human development and performances, student services and the physical plant, among other things.

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which include the Cultural Forum and the Craft Center.

The Outdoor Program badly needs another staff position, Gaffney said.

Club Sports also needs another staff person because the office must close when the director must leave the office, Gaffney said.

The two proposed staff positions were added to the EMU Board's budget request after the IFC voted against putting the positions on the ballot.

"The committee decided it was weird to put a piece of a program on the ballot," said ASUO Finance Coordinator John Thoma. "It gets tricky when part of a budget comes from the IFC and part from the students."

When the IFC votes, it probably will allocate a lump sum to the EMU Board rather than allocate on a program by program basis, said IFC Vice Chairwoman Katy Howard.

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The NASC is the University's central accreditation organization, Baker said. The accreditation team will look at the quali-

anywhere and talk to anyone."

To prepare for the accreditation exam, the University administration completed a self-study report that includes infor-

Measures—

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Measure 1, sponsored by the ASUO Executive, seeks to change the Incidental Fee Committee election procedures listed in the ASUO Constitution. Presently, if the number of candidates filing for election or who receive enough write-in votes exceeds twice the number of seats available, only the 14 candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in the primary election are allowed to run in the general election.

Measure 1 proposes that twice the number of candidates than seats available be allowed to continue on to the general election, based on the number of primary votes received.

Measure 2, also sponsored by the ASUO Executive, seeks to have the OSPIRG funding level determined every year, alternating between the regular incidental fee process and the referendums to demonstrate student support and determine the OSPIRG funding level for the following year.

Measure 3 recommends extension of library hours during dead and finals weeks, although no specific library operating hours are recommended.

The period of time between classes will be increased from 10 to 15 minutes with Measure 4.

The remaining three measures all ask for increased funding for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Measure 6, sponsored by the IFC, requests an additional 61 cents a student a term for a total of \$28,920 in funding to support two Erb Memorial Union staff positions for the Childcare and Development Center.

Measure 8, also sponsored by the IFC, asks for a 13 percent to help fund the Oregon Daily Emerald. The Emerald would receive \$2.25 a student a term if passed and generate \$107,479 to help offset increased printing expenses. Students not planning on reading the Emerald may obtain a refund for these fees during the first five days of each term.

Measure 10 seeks to set up a permanent Student Counseling Center fee of \$2 a student a term to help fund the center.

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