









Kim Heiney, Student Senate chairwoman, presided over an introductory senate meeting Tuesday night. Members discussed their plans for this year, and announced the need to fill several vacant senate seats.

## Senators prepare for year at introductory meeting

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One of the main objectives of the University's Student Senate this year is to increase contact with students and make it less intimidating for students to become involved in University issues.

In their introductory meeting Tuesday night, Senate members discussed various ways to increase student involvement in the University. One of those is to interest students in a position on one of the 26 student-faculty committees, said Chairwoman Kim Heiney.

The Student Senate makes recommendations to the ASUO executive for appointments to the various committees, which focus on a diversity of campus issues such as financial aid, health services and campus planning.

Applications for appointment to a committee are available in Suite 4 of the EMU and must be turned in by Oct. 5.

Another possibility for involvement is to become a student senator. Five seats became available over the summer for various reasons.

The five seats open are:
No. 1, for either a graduate or

law student or an interdisciplinary studies, journalism, languages or English.

 No. 7, for a speech, theater, music or telecommunication and film major.

No. 12, for a biology, chemis-

try or geology major.

 No. 14, for an architecture and allied arts; planning, public policy and management; or economics major.

 No. 15, for a dance, physical education, recreation or human development major.

Oct. 12 is the deadline for submitting applications in Suite 4 of the EMU.

The Student Senate makes up one-third of the University Senate, with the General Faculty and Assembly comprising the other two-thirds.

Together, they debate and discuss campus issues and concerns and set general University policies.

The Student Senate meets each week, votes on various motions and proposes the ones that pass to the General Faculty and Assembly. Then the entire University Senate votes on those issues.

Input from students is vital, Heiney said.

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Although the Student Senate no longer has a grievance booth in the EMU, tables will be set up frequently so students can meet and talk with a senator about any campus issue or problem, said Laura De Leone, vice chairwoman.

The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. and meetings are open for anyone to attend.

