



VOTE



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

PRESIDENT/ VICE PRESIDENT

Jennifer Bills/ JoSonja Watson

Leadership and organizing require experience and dedication to student rights. The team of Jennifer Bills and JoSonja Watson exemplify strong leadership, activism and years of experience. Jennifer is the Vice-chair of the Incidental Fee Committee, and is on the EMU board, ASPAC and the Presidents Task Force for Gay and Lesbian concerns. She was also past director of GALA and on the National Board of USSA. JoSonja is also on the IFC, presently Vice-chair of the Black Women of Achievement, and very active in the Black Student Union. In the past she has worked with the office of Multicultural Affairs on issues of recruitment and retention of Minority youths.

Jennifer and JoSonja don't just give lip service to the issues of child care, campus safety, coalition building and access to higher education. They have a history of doing work on these issues.

Jennifer and JoSonja are determined and committed to giving all students a voice in the implementation of Ballot measure 5. They feel that students should not be made to bear the burden of tuition increases and program cuts. Enough is enough!

They plan to seek funds from the state to lower tuition so more students can have access to higher education. They will also implement a crisis service to immediately deal with rape and sexual assault issues. Also, they will create a committee of representatives of student organizations to exchange information and build coalitions.

For Dedication, Activism,
and Experience...

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BIILLS AND WATSON
for ASUO Exec.

Michael Colson / Barclay Grayson

Effective leadership requires people with *strong ideas* and *experience*.

We both have a strong record of commitment and service. Mike is the current Chairperson of the ASUO Incidental Fee Committee. He also serves in the Oregon Legislature as an assistant aide and has worked on the Residence Hall Governance Committee, University President's Advisory Council (ASPAC), Legislative & Community Relations, and University Democrats. Barclay is a member of the ASUO Incidental Fee Committee, EMU Board and Budget Committee, and has two years on the Interfraternity Council Executive as Treasurer.

The main responsibility of the Executive is to further student empowerment and increase accessibility to higher education. This includes utilizing our *experience* and relationship with the administration, legislature and student programs to further concerns of students. Students cannot continue to shoulder tuition hikes and surcharges for their education. Replacement revenue sources must be tapped while also increasing levels of financial aid.

Student Services must remain strong, Footnotes, Child Care, Legal Services, Athletics, and Counseling all need the continued support of the Executive. We are committed to positively addressing campus safety for women and men, availability, access, and affordability of child care, and lower student fees.

For this to be successful, *professional, experienced, and open* student government is essential. In the decision making process, all must be heard including graduate students, members of the greek system, students of color, athletes, student parents, law students, and international students.

With our experience and your support, student government can make responsible progressive change.

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Scott Dunlap/ Connie Seeley

We are not reactionaries- we are visionaries. We see:

-a campus where ideas are freely exchanged without fear of ignorant retribution;

- a campus where our needs and wants can be provided because administration, the Legislature, and members of the community understand the importance of higher education and see the students in a positive light;

- a campus where we all treat one another with the respect and support we deserve not only as students but as human beings.

To achieve this vision, we see the issue as being the large amount of misinformation, lack of communication, and lack of education surrounding student politics. Through increased information, strong communication, and showing each student the power they hold, we can effectively address the issues that directly affect the student body:

Ballot Measure 5 and other Legislative Issues: The students voice should be heard where it can be most effective.

It is important to show students the power they hold as students and as constituents and apply that power to force legislators, through effective lobbying, to make higher education a priority.

Campus Safety: Campus lighting and policy changes are helpful, but education is the key.

Free Thinking Campus Environmental: The whole idea of a university is to provide an environment where ideas can be freely exchanged. Education through programs in EORP, New Student Week, and promoting diverse events presents a free-thinking campus environment.

Things won't change until attitudes change.