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considered.

In a follow-up interview Tuesday, Vice-President for Administration Dan Williams said that the scope of the new study will address the renovation issue and that since various firms will compete to do the study it will be "professional and independent."

Housing Director Mike Eyster said the study will give full consideration to renovation and costs of continued operation of the complex, and that the University will conduct a cost-benefit analysis based on the new engineering information.

"If it turns out we have to raise the rent to \$300 or \$325 on the existing buildings and keep a 50-year old complex designed to operate ten years, and operate it another ten years after renovation, then we have consider the benefits of rebuilding as well," Eyster said.

A Tuesday press release from the Save Amazon Low-Cost Housing Coalition criticized the latest announcements saying that "hiring out a study to verify your decision to demolish is an insult to all parties involved."

The group also announced a "Short March for Justice" as a tie-in with National Homeless Awareness Week that will take place Friday. Members of the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, Amazon Community tenants, Homeless

Action Coalition and Eugene Citizens for Low-Cost Housing will march behind a casket from the Erb Memorial Union to Johnson Hall and back, where members of the group intend to address the State Board of Higher Education.

Another major change announced Monday was the creation of a Design Advisory group that will increase the input of students on actual questions relating to the design of a new facility. This "Design Advisory Committee" will differ from the "user's groups" that were facilitated by CES/T&E, the architecture firm that was fired from the project two weeks ago, because they will address questions relevant to the physical design of the buildings.

"We want input from the students on such things as where the child care facility will go, and where the parking lots will be. These issues are specific to the tenants, so its important for us to have focused student input," Eyster said.

Officials also said they plan to convene a task force to study the impact of higher rental rates on residents. Currently, Amazon residents pay \$175 a month for a two-bedroom unit. Rent projections for the new units are running around \$400.

Further, they plan to search University archives for all possible documentation relating to the historical significance of the buildings that are under consideration for historical preservation by the city.

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Students will have a chance to comment on the proposal and suggest changes themselves at a series of open forums starting the first week of winter term. Students can also submit written statements starting this term.

Bowen hopes to have the final draft of the proposal finished in February.

If student groups cannot agree on the basic draft of the proposal by the end of January, though, Bowen said he would invite Jacqueline Gibson, director of ASUO Mediation, to help the groups come to a decision.

The February deadline was set to ensure that any proposed changes to the ASUO Constitution are presented to students for a vote.

Exact details of the plan are uncertain at this time because the discussion period hasn't started, Bowen said.

"I'm being purposely vague right now," he said. "I would hate to mislead students that there is a plan right now when there will be no discussion until the beginning of winter term."

Bowen also cautioned that the proposal currently being considered for discussion might not represent the actual draft in February, emphasizing that the end product will be created by the consensus of the student government and student input.

But Bowen emphasized there will be one overseeing body as part of the final draft.

The proposed changes represent a victory for the ASUO as a University proposal would have split the incidental fee money between the current IFC and EMU board, Bowen said.

Bowen rallied student groups and gained unanimous support against the plan before entering the first meeting with the administration.

At the Nov. 8 meeting, the administration voluntarily promised it would not implement its plan until the ASUO could come up with one of its own. Student groups and the administration agreed to an April deadline for changes.

Bowen noted that if students fail to devise and implement a plan this school year, the administration's proposal would automatically go into effect.

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