

LETTERS

Harris for 4J

The 4J school board needs Marjorie Harris. Harris is a retired school teacher with an impressive record of community service. She will bring her enthusiasm, pragmatism and innovation to the board. Such qualities are sorely needed in these times marked by critical budget constraints and challenges to the integrity of the mission of public education. The future of quality public education is everyone's issue, so please take the time to cast your mail-in ballots.

With 36 years of teaching in both elementary school and middle school behind her, Harris has been aware of how board policy translates (or fails to translate) into classroom reality and why. This is a valuable perspective not currently represented on the 4J board. Because she is retired, she has the time to commit to the important work that must be done.

Harris sees a key part of her role as helping to facilitate a stronger community involvement of talents and resources with the process of education. If elected, she brings her broad base of community activity to the attainment of this goal.

As our communities deal with challenging budgetary realities and ever more complex policy questions, now is the time to elect Marjorie Harris to the 4J school board.

Ron Schlittler
Sociology Journalism

Integration

I am a student of color and I disagree with Eden Ajrian-Omari's statements in the March 3 *Emerald*. (Ajrian-Omari recently resigned as the ASUO multicultural advocate.) I know the ASUO multicultural advocate position in great detail because I created it when I was the ASUO President in 1992.

Mr. Ajrian-Omari, your position was designed to bring much-needed vision and hope to our student population, which has traditionally been disenfranchised from the mainstream culture. Back in the spring of 1992, student leaders of many races, nationality, gender, sexual orientation and ability spent long committee meetings to design staff positions which would bring forth structure and continuity among student groups on sensitivity issues through training, support programs and enforcement of recruitment and retention goals.

We believed that raw anger and passion can be a powerful tool if we learned to channel it in creative and productive ways, and we looked at this position to help create an atmosphere which welcomes integration, not segregation (that is why it is called multicultural advocate). You have used this ASUO position of hope and compassion to help create confusion and pain among many students, including students of color like myself.

Fortunately, the ASUO recently appointed Erika Armsbury as the new multicultural advocate, she will help jump-start student leaders to achieve real obtainable goals through consensus of the many, rather than the few.

Good luck, Erika. You know what to do.

Bobby Lee
Former ASUO President
1992-93

People

I read with interest how some students feel and think that the Incidental Fee Committee is an archaic and inefficient part of our student government. They express gladness just to know that the IFC is in the process of being abolished by the new ASUO constitutional amendments.

I am concerned over the naivete of these students, who I think are apathetic toward

student government yet somehow not motivated enough to contribute positively to the growth and development of the student body. They choose instead to live in a world of idealism and cynical criticism in this dynamic environment of democratic capitalism.

I happen to work with the present members of the IFC. I want to commend this particular group of people who take the heat by being IFC members and by fulfilling their responsibilities with commitment and service through the meticulous scrutiny of all program budgets.

The new proposed fee structure, while it dilutes the power of students to allocate budgets, only serves to stabilize the structure of student empowerment on campus. That much it does, but the structure needs people who are committed with an ordinal goal of being informed and living responsibly that will add synergistic value to the growth of students in general.

It's not a perfect world, maybe you can make it relatively better. How about you filling in those seats of leadership?

Francis Neo
ASUO Finance Coordinator
I must die

The class was mind-numbing
In its tedium and bore
And I dreaded the pain
That I would be in for
I sighed with relief
As I recalled my treasure
Located in the rear of the
Emerald paper
As I sought out my prize
Too naive in my glee
My hopes were quickly dashed
With what I did not see
The rag once more
Had omitted its sole value
And now I must die
Without a crossword to do

Marc Mauger
Undeclared

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Special Election March 9 & 10 Vote on Major Revisions to ASUO Constitution

- 1) Changes enabling clause to allow a later date of implementation.
- 2) Dissolves the IFC. Modifies the membership of the Student Senate and gives them the authority to act on all matters relating to the allocation and appropriation of incidental fees. Creates three fee recommending (finance) committees. Allows the Executive to veto all decisions of Senate and ASUO Programs Finance Committee, and sets a new time limit on vetoes of major program budgets. Requires a certain quorum for voting on major program budgets.
- 3) Fixes errors, ambiguities, or numbering changes.
- 4) Changes impeachment process (from 2/3 of two bodies to 3/4 of one).
- 5) Makes the ASUO VP the chair of the Student Senate, and establishes a Senate vice chair (President Pro-Tempore) from the Senate membership.
- 6) Changes the requirement for Academic Senators to serve on Faculty/Student Committees from at least one committee to at least two.
- 7) Changes the requirement for the ASUO President to submit accounting of ASUO expenditures from current fiscal year to that of previous fiscal year (currently referred to as the Post Close).

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