

Motion to reconsider OPSIRG's goal statement rejected

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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee rejected a proposal to reconsider the revised goal statement of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group Thursday.

Finance committee member Mary Plath made a motion to reconsider OPSIRG's goal statement, which the committee originally rejected March 2. OPSIRG worked with Plath and finance committee member Matt McGinnis to make the group's goal statement fit the requirements set for groups that receive student incidental fees.

"I wanted to see the students of the University of Oregon incorporated into their goal statement," Plath said. "I've looked over the [revised] goal statement and I approve of the goal statement."

"The revision is definitely 100 percent better," McGinnis added.

Plath's motion to reconsider the goal statement required approval from five finance committee members, but the motion fell short by one vote. Finance committee members Dolly Cho, Sarah Keech and Jason Leek voted against the motion.

The revised goal statement "still misses the main issues that I have with it," Leek said.

OPSIRG must now go before the Student Senate during Spring term to have their new goal statement examined.

OPSIRG volunteers said they were "discouraged" by the finance committee's vote, but were grateful that Plath and

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The 7-member ASUO Programs Finance Committee, which includes three student senators, will recommend how incidental fees are allocated to student groups next year.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
African Student Assoc.	\$2,354	+ 4.3 percent
ISA umbrella organization	28,579	+ 13.8
OIMB Marine Student Assoc.	4,593	+ 0.7
Forensic Program	13,991	+ 1.24
Oregon Marching Band	79,948	0

Money given this week: \$129,465
Money given to date: 1,230,322

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McGinnis volunteered their help in revising the group's goal statement.

In other business, The Oregon Marching Band's request for a zero percent increase was unanimously approved by the finance committee, giving the group a \$79,948 budget for the 1995-96 school year.

The University's Forensic program, a public speaking group that participates in debate and speech competitions throughout the country, received a 1.24 percent budget increase. The finance committee unanimously approved the team's new budget of \$13,991.

"Forensics is the only place

anyone can go to get any kind of undergraduate education in public speaking," assistant director Stephen Stolp said.

The Forensic program, which has been at the University since 1876, is funded by incidental fees and the University administration, Stolp said.

The Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, which is attended by nearly 100 University students each term, will get a .7 percent budget increase next year.

The University's small branch campus, located in Charleston, near Coos Bay, was allocated \$4,539. The budget was approved by all finance committee members except McGinnis.

The finance committee zero funded several groups, which failed to submit budget requests. The unfunded groups include Men and Women Against Rape, the National Lawyers Guild, the Pocket Playhouse and the Sister University Project.

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