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Vice President as Chair of the Student Senate, making the Vice President an ex-officio member of the Senate while retaining the Vice President's right to vote in case of a tie. This measure would allow the Student Senate to select its own President and Vice President, who would preside over the Senate.

QUESTION: Shall the following revision be made to the ASUO constitution: Article 5 section 21 shall say "The ASUO Vice President shall serve as an ex-officio member of the ASUO Senate."; Article 6 section 11 shall say "The ASUO Vice President shall vote in cases of a tie."; Article 6, section 12 shall say "The Student Senate shall elect from its own membership a President, who shall preside over meetings of the Student Senate, and a Vice President, who shall preside in the absence of the President."

4. ASUO Student Senate Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: Article 6, section 7 of the ASUO Constitution says: "The Student Senate shall vote to approve or deny the budgets recommended by the ASUO Programs Finance committee, the EMU Board, and the AD Budget Committee." This amendment would give the Senate line-item veto power over the ASUO Programs Finance Committee recommendation, but only with the approval of 80% of the Senate.

QUESTION: Shall article 6, section 7 of the ASUO Constitution be revised to say: "The Student Senate shall vote to approve or deny the budget recommended by the ASUO Programs Finance Committee, the EMU Board, and the AD budget Committee. The Senate may deny any part of the ASUO Programs Finance committee recommendation by a vote of 4/5 of the filled seats."

5. USSA Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: The United States Student Association is a nationally recognized student group in Washington DC that believes education should be a right, not a privilege. Representing 3.5 million students at 350 public and private colleges and Universities, and community colleges, USSA comes together around an agenda of educational access—financial aid, campus safety, civil rights, tax laws, voter registration reform and other issues. Based on student enrollment, the U of O is entitled to seven voting members in the Association. These students will provide a voice for U of O students concerns at Capitol Hill to help make higher education as accessible as possible.

Proposed Ballot Measure: Shall student incidental fees be increased by an additional \$.16 per student per term to generate approximately \$7,000 per year to permanently fund expenses for seven students appointed by the ASUO President or designee.

6. Resource Fee Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: The U of O administration is currently considering an additional fee, referred to as the "Resource Fee", of \$100 per student, per term effective some time in the near future. The funds generated are intended to be used to improve the quality of undergraduate education through a number programs designed to provide closer contact between faculty and undergraduates.

There has also been discussion about a matriculation fee which would be a one-time fee of approximately \$100-150, charged to students at the time of initial enrollment, used to help pay for existing programs such as Introduction, new student orientation, international student orientation, academic advising for incoming freshman, etc.

Concerns have been expressed by students about these fees, the scarcity of information about these fees and provisions for student input about the use of the funds generated. Therefore, the ASUO is seeking an advisory opinion from the student body regarding the implementation of this fee. THIS IS AN ADVISORY OPINION ONLY AND IS NOT BINDING IN ANY WAY.

Proposed Ballot Measure: A. Should the University of Oregon charge a Resource Fee of \$100.00 per student, per term, to fund programs designed to improve the quality of the undergraduate education at the U of O?

7. Recreation and Fitness Center Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: The ASUO and the University administration are proposing the renovation of Esslinger

Hall recreation and fitness facilities and some new construction to create a high quality recreation and fitness center for students.

The proposed center will include the addition of the following: three multipurpose playing courts, expanded weight facilities, two artificial playing fields adjacent to the center with night lighting, improved covered tennis courts, indoor batting cages, 37' rock climbing wall, renovated multipurpose studios, 1/6 mile indoor jogging track, strength and conditioning mall, renovated racquetball courts, renovated locker rooms, Pro shop and juice bar.

Proposed funding for the \$18.37 million project is collaborative: \$9.36 million from student incidental fees, \$7.51 million from Oregon State System of Higher Education building fees, and \$1.50 million from UO Foundation in private donations. The proposed new student fee, \$23 per student term, is comprised of two parts, building renovation and new construction (\$15.25) and center operational costs (\$7.75).

Assessment of fees will not begin until fall term 1997 and will continue for a period of thirty years. Continued fee funding for operational costs must then be approved by the student body after this thirty year period. If for any reason OSSHE building fees and private donations are not approved as prescribed above, there shall be no obligation on the part of the ASUO to collect this fee from the student.

Proposed Ballot Measure: Shall student incidental fees be increased beginning fall term 1997, by an additional \$23 per student per term for thirty years to provide matching funds for the construction of a Recreation and Fitness Center and its operational costs?

8. ASUO Executive Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: The ASUO Constitution currently requires a 2/3 vote of both the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) and the Student Senate to bring articles of impeachment against the ASUO President. In a special election in March 1994, students approved the elimination of the Incidental Fee Committee. As a result, this language in the ASUO Constitution refers to a governmental body that no longer exists. To remedy this, the following constitutional amendment is proposed.

Proposed Ballot Measure: Shall Section 5.17 of the ASUO Constitution be amended to delete the requirement for a 2/3 vote of both the IFC and the Senate and instead require a 3/4 vote of the Student Senate for articles of impeachment against the ASUO President? The new language, as part of Section 5.17, would read:

"Articles of impeachment may be brought against the ASUO President by a 3/4 vote of the Student Senate."

9. Programs Finance Committee Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: The current Constitutional provisions for two at-large Programs Finance Committee members have resulted in the simultaneous election and subsequent simultaneous vacancy of both seats. The parallels two-year seats on the Student Senate and the EMU Board of Directors are elected in at staggered fashion to ensure that each year there are open seats while experienced individuals remain on both bodies. To remedy this oversight in the election of Programs Finance committee at-large seats, the Programs Finance Committee suggests the following:

Proposed Ballot Measure: Shall section 12.14 of the ASUO Constitution be added to reflect the staggering of Programs Finance Committee at-large seats with the following language:

"Seat One of the Programs Finance Committee will be elected in odd numbered years. Seat Two shall be elected in even numbered years. Each Programs Finance Committee member elected in this way shall serve a term of two years. For the purpose of implementing the amendments in 1995, the member of the Programs Finance Committee elected to Seat One in 1996 shall serve only a one-year term. This seat will be placed on the ballot for re-election in 1997."

10. Recycling Program Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: Currently, the Campus Recycling Program is jointly funded through the University

Administration, University Housing and the ASUO. The student fee funded portion of these moneys is used to help fund: Student Services and Housing Recycling Coordinators whose responsibilities include coordinating and providing recycling to Greek Houses, EMU, Residence Halls, Family Housing, University Kitchens and Lawrence Hall Architecture Studios, student recycling crews and the purchase of containers, educational materials and other recycling equipment. The distribution of these funds is under the direction of a Student/Faculty Advisory Board.

Proposed Ballot Measure: Shall students, by paying approximately \$2.27 per student per term permanently fund the Campus Recycling Program at \$100,000. The program will be reviewed annually by the Student/Faculty Advisory Board.

11. LTD Proposed Ballot Measure

Background: Student fees currently fund unlimited bus service within the Lane Transit District for all currently registered U of O students. Unlimited bus service means that any currently registered U of O student may ride the bus anywhere in the Lane Transit District's service area as often as desired, by showing the bus driver a U of O identification card validated for the current term. This unlimited bus service is also provided between consecutive terms, meaning that a current sticker is valid until the first day of the next term/semester.

Please vote for only one of the following options.

Proposal A: Shall a Student Incidental Fee be established at \$6.42 per student, per term, (law students would pay \$9.63 per student, per semester and \$6.42 per student during the summer semester) to generate approximately \$324,000 to fund unlimited bus service within the Lane Transit District? Any student not wishing to support this alternative transportation option may obtain a refund during the first two weeks.

Proposal B: Shall a Student Incidental Fee for unlimited bus service for any registered U of O student be reduced to \$6.16 per student, per term, (law student fee would be \$9.24 per student, per semester and \$6.16 for the summer semester) to generate approximately \$311,000? Students would not have the right to obtain a refund with this option.

Proposal C: Neither

12. Access and Expansion of Career Planning Services

The Career Center currently charges students a Career Center user fee of approximately \$75.00 per student.

Shall a student incidental fee of \$3.00 per student per term, generating approximately \$133,500 annually, be established replacing the current Career Center User fee? This fee would increase user capacity which would serve both undergraduates and graduate students. Increased services would include:

1. Career Assessment & Vocational Training
2. Career Counseling & Campus Interview
3. Internships & Full/Part-time Employment Opportunities.

The Court therefore rejects the ballot measure language submitted by the ASUO Executive and approves the language set out by the Court above. Any significant variation of the above approved language must be approved by the court before it may be placed on the ballot.

13. EMU Governance Document Proposed Ballot Measure II

Section 9.3 of the ASUO Constitution currently states: "The EMUB shall operate according to a charter approved by the Presidents of the University and the Associated Students." This section of the ASUO Constitution has not been in effect since the Charter was replaced with the EMU Governance Document by the UO President in 1976. Since there is neither a Charter nor a provision requiring the ASUO President to approve the EMU Governance Document, the EMU Board submits the following question: Shall Section 9.3 of the ASUO Constitution be deleted to reflect the actual governance structure of the EMU?

We therefore reject the ballot language submitted to us by the EMU Board and approve the language laid out by the court as above.