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stamps for the duration of the strike.

Bob Novick, an administrative specialist with the Eugene Adult and Family Services said he felt "empowered to be part of a collective effort to secure fair wages from the state," as he cast his vote in support of the strike.

"Our struggle is with the legislature and the govern-

ment, not the public," Novick said. "I would hope the public would understand that people who work for the state work hard."

Novick, an OPEU member for ten years, said he had participated in the statewide strike in 1987 and had voted in support of it then also.

Lucy Lahr, the district director for the Lane County OPEU, said the next step is to organize central labor councils and lobby the state legislature.

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Governance system to change

Patrick Minford
Oregon Daily Emerald

A major alteration in power is afoot at the University, to overhaul the system of University governance in an effort to make it more effective.

Two University governance system proposals are on the table, and student government officials want students to voice their opinions today at a general University forum.

The Assembly Committee on Governance Reform is seeking input on the two proposals, both of which decrease the number of student representatives. The University Assembly will vote on a new governing system May 3.

The reform committee, formed by the University Assembly in June 1994 to design a new, more effective governing system for the University, has proposed two governance models.

The two proposals call for a smaller decision-making body, but vary in the number of students involved. One model calls for 11 students and 44 faculty members and administrators, while the

other calls for two students and 43 administrators.

ASUO Vice President Mark Rhinard wants students to let the reform committee members know that they want a larger voice in student government.

"It's important for students to be there [at the forum] because the primary policy making body in the University is going to be changed and all policy made by the University affects students in some way," Rhinard said.

As the University governance system currently exists, the University Assembly and University Senate set policy for the University. The assembly, which is the current decision-making body, has 18 students and over 1000 faculty members.

"The old assembly system is not as functional as we would imagine," reform committee member Laura Alpert said. "The assembly is too large to discuss [issues]. The smaller models allow more discussion."

The forum will take place today in 231 Pacific Hall at 3 p.m.

ASUO Constitution will be updated

Natasha Shepard
Oregon Daily Emerald

Only one of two opposing ballot measures to amend the ASUO Constitution regarding the governance of the EMU Board of Directors will appear on this year's ballot.

The measure being voted on next week was introduced by the EMU Board of Directors. The ballot measure will delete an outdated section of the ASUO Constitution that states the board is governed by its 1975 charter.

If the section is deleted, the board will continue operating under the EMU Governance Document, which has ruled the actions of the board since 1976.

The measure intends to allow the constitution to catch up to what is already happening with the board.

"It makes the constitution and governance document be in synch," said EMU Associate Director Frank Geltner.

Essentially three words, 'charter' and 'governance document,' separated the two ballot measures.

The wording of the 1975 charter allows approval of the board's charter by the ASUO President. The ASUO President has had no direct input in the

ON THE BALLOT

■ **WHAT:**
Measure to delete the part of the ASUO Constitution which says the EMU Board operates under its 1975 charter. The EMU Board will continue to operate under the EMU Governance Document, as it has since 1976.

■ **COST:**
No cost to students.



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government of the EMU board since 1976 because the board no longer operates under the charter. The board is ruled instead by the EMU's governance document.

The other measure, sponsored by the ASUO Executive, included changing the constitution to read that the governance document would be approved by the ASUO President. Had this measure passed, it would have given the ASUO President a right to have input in governing the EMU.

The measure submitted by the ASUO Executive will not be on the ballot because it was not in accordance with Oregon rules and would therefore be

void if passed, according to a Constitution Court decision submitted April 7.

A similar measure was introduced by the ASUO Executive to the Constitution Court last year, and the same decision was made.

"We find that this year's measure is substantially similar to the language rejected (last year) and involves the exact same deficiencies," according to the Constitution Court decision about this year's measure.

"Accordingly, we reject the executive's proposed ballot measure concerning the EMU Governance Document. In doing so we would like to reemphasize that all University programs operate under the authority of state law," the decision said.

The ASUO Executive introduced the bill again because they were concerned about losing student representation in decisions affecting the EMU, said ASUO President Leslie Warren.

Decisions about the EMU board have been made since 1976 by the board itself and the University president.

The board is made up of 15 members, including 11 students, seven of whom are elected.

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■ CORRECTION

An article in Wednesday's Emerald incorrectly identified this year's ASUO elections cost at \$2,400. In actuality, the total cost was \$8,000. The Emerald apologizes for any inconvenience and regrets the error.

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