

ASUO EXECUTIVE

JENNIFER WILLIAMSON

Hello everyone! Are you surviving fall term? It has been fast and difficult for all of us.

The ASUO has been busy with many projects.

We have been working hard on our voter registration drive. U of O has a reputation for student activism. More students registered to vote here in '92 and '94 than any other college.

If you have not registered yet, you will not be able to vote in the primary, but you can register to vote in the general election.

We will work to give you information on the candidates for this special election. We have a forum planned today with senate candidate Norma Paulus at 3:30 in the Maple Room, EMU. We are attempting to bring the rest of the candidates to campus.

Another project that I am working on is proposed changes in the Affirmative Action Office on-campus. As you may have heard, many students have complained about problems in the affirmative action process that range from inadequate response times to being told that they could not file formal complaints about harassment.

I believe that students need to have a place where

we can go with our problems where we know they can be solved. Because the Affirmative Action Office is part of the University, it is in a position of both trying to ensure student needs are met as well as trying to contribute to the success of the university as a whole. In such cases, the student's interests are usually adverse to the University's and often the University's needs win.

This conflict of interest needs to be removed if students are to feel safe on campus. The Affirmative Action Office needs to be taken off-campus where it can investigate and decide these cases with true neutrality and fairness as an independent, third party to the conflict.

I want to assure you that if you do have problems on-campus, you can call the Office of Student Advocacy at 346-3722. The people in this office work for you and will help.

If you have input you would like to offer, my phone number is 346-3724. Or you can e-mail me at asuopres@gladstone.uoregon.edu

Good luck for the rest of the term and have a great break!



ZACHARY KELTON

Do things seem as crazy for you as they do for me? Dead week is almost here and it seems like classes just started. The rigors of academic life will turn us all into coffee addicts.

I have found that students have a great deal of influence on our academic life.

There are nine academic student senators who represent academic interests on campus. These senators and myself recently formed the Academic Council.

The Academic Council will focus its attention on issues ranging from curriculum to tenure. We want to focus on changes that will increase the level of academic quality on campus. Students are paying more for their education and I believe that students have a vested interest in ensuring the quality of that education.

The incidental fee budget process has started for next year. It is my responsibility to make recommendations on each

budget and provide final approval on the budgets. I cannot do this without your help and input. Please come to me with your feedback on the services and programs that are funded so I can use this information when I make my decisions.

In addition to working with all the branches of student government and making sure the incidental fee process operates smoothly and effectively, I have been working to make sure that students' voices are heard at all levels of the University governing structure.

Although the uphill battle to increase student votes on the University Senate has not yet been won, I have appointed students to over fifty voting seats on University committees, the working groups that make policy decisions or recommendations on issues that range from what the library could do better to what courses are going to be taught next year. As well, I meet each week with University administrators to ensure that no policy is approved that would be detrimental to the student body.

In short, I represent you and your concerns. I want to know what you think. A good way to connect with ASUO is our weekly open house with free coffee and donuts or email me at asuovp@gladstone. I hope to hear from you soon!

JENNIFER WILLIAMSON ASUO PRESIDENT

- Register to vote for the general election to fill Oregon's Senate Seat
- Student voter education. Forum today with Norma Paulus, 3:30 Maple Room EMU
- Proposed changes in Affirmative Action to address problems with compliant process
- Contact Jen at 346-3724 or asuopres@gladstone

ZACHARY KELTON ASUO VICE-PRES.

- Academic Council started to give students voice in academic issues
- Budget process has started. Zach is responsible for making recommendations and final budget approval. Needs student input on budgets
- Working to ensure student opinion is heard on in all university policy decisions
- Contact Zach at 346-3724 or asuovp@gladstone

EMU MICROBREW PUB CONTINUED

Students will be fully involved in all the steps of getting a pub on campus. Opinion ballots and a suggestion box will be located outside the ASUO Office, Suite 4, EMU. The ASUO needs to know student's tastes, preferences, and concerns, according to Kelton.

"We want to be able to provide the students with a place to hang out that answers their needs and concerns," said James Peterson, ASUO Fundraising Coordinator. "We need to know what students want. What types of microbrews? What types of foods? We want

everyone's voice to be heard."

Once student input has been collected, the specifics of the proposal will be worked out. Space issues will be considered by the EMU House Committee and we will do a request for proposal to solicit bids from microbreweries. The ASUO would ideally like to see the pub open in Fall of 1996, according to Peterson.

If you would like more information on the proposed pub or would like to offer feedback, contact James Peterson at 346-0622 or by email at asuofund@gladstone.uoregon.edu.

STUDENT SENATE REVIEW MARTIN FISHER, SENATE PRESIDENT

The ASUO Student Senate, which allocates your incidental student fees, has been hard at work Fall Term ensuring services and programs continue to operate in a manner that best serves student interests.

The Senate has allocated emergency funding to keep the Amazon Childcare Co-op operating during this transition period, we have provided funding to expand the ability of Legal Services to represent the growing number of students in need of legal assistance and funded the Designated

Driver Shuttle so that no student needs to drink and drive.

The Senate has also funded several cultural opportunities for students, including a theater troupe exchange between the University and a Taiwanese theater troupe and have provided funding for several important multicultural speakers.

The Senate is looking forward to the possibility of purchasing several new computers for student programs in addition to the 18 computers bought last year.

In conjunction with the Outdoor Program and others, the Senate is exploring the possibility of providing locator beacons for students who choose to explore the forests and mountains of Oregon. These items are in response to the recent events surrounding two University students missing from their planned mountain-climbing trip.

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas for the Student Senate, please contact us at 346-3749 or via email at senate@gladstone.uoregon.edu.