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Election: The pair won tuition freeze

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 registering 4,000 students to vote in the fall.

With such a large group of active voters, candidates for the U.S. Senate race recognized students' power, she said.

"It just maintained our reputation that candidates need to come to UO, that students are registered here and we vote," Williamson said.

On a trip to Washington, D.C. and several to Portland, Williamson lobbied successfully for financial aid and a tuition freeze, meeting with Sens. Mark Hatfield and Ron Wyden.

All cuts in financial aid were given back to the students, one of the only lobbying groups who received all their money back, Williamson said.

"We had major victories in D.C. this year," she said.

Kelton said the area of community was also improved. The ASUO office in the EMU was opened to all students once a week with moderate attendance.

Kelton also worked to shift power from the Executive to student boards like the Senate and EMU Board, which helps build more dialogue, he said.

"Eighteen elected individuals

versus one elected individual is an imbalance I just thought was inappropriate," he said.

Problems

When Kelton and Williamson were first elected, they split the presidential duties in half, serving as functional co-presidents. Kelton would focus on internal, University issues and Williamson would work on state and federal-level issues.

That relationship was challenged when Kelton and Williamson wrote letters to the *Emerald* in February describing their opposite views of the Oregon Commentator's fee allocation.

While many people said the dissent between them on the issue was strong, both Williamson and Kelton say the problem was solved quickly.

"I knew what [Zach] was saying and I articulated that to people, and there wasn't a division between us," Williamson said.

"There was division based on the perception of what happened," Kelton said.

Many student leaders also said neither Kelton nor Williamson were very visible to the average student over the

year. Kelton admitted he was often busy in meetings or paperwork but said that was offset by Williamson's accessibility.

Williamson said she often sat on the bench outside the ASUO office and students would frequently stop and talk.

"I kept a lot of my schedule free," she said. "I felt like I was very accessible."

Transition

With about three weeks left in their term, Kelton and Williamson are working to make the job a little bit easier for their successors.

"We don't want them to be totally blown away like we were," Kelton said.

"We know what a lack of transition can do," Williamson said.

After working more than 60 hours a week, however, leaving the office won't be easy.

"I'm going to be really sad not being an advocate solely for students," Williamson said.

"We've invested our lives into what we've done," Kelton said. "It's going to be weird to have that gone."

Scotten, Banfield restructure ASUO Executive

■ **ISSUES:** The two have created several new positions to address campus concerns and will begin hiring soon

By Ashley Bach
 Student Activities Reporter

ASUO President-elect Matthew Scotten and Vice-President-elect Glen Banfield aren't wasting any time making their mark on the ASUO Executive.

After being elected April 18, the team has restructured the office, creating five new positions while condensing many others.

The new jobs include residence life, safety and environmental advocates as well as an outreach director and a government relations director.

Scotten said he created the environmental position because he recognized its specific importance on this campus.

"It's our duty to address the issues important to students," he said. "There are a lot of environmental activists here. I think it's important we recognize that and those issues."

Similar reasons warranted the creation of the other positions, he said. Issues such as residence life and safety need special attention.

Scotten said the outreach position replaces the programs coordinator job, which had an excessive workload this year.

The outreach position will deal more with direct relations to programs and the community. The revamped program administrator position will work on budgets and other internal issues.

The community affairs coordinator job, which was formed last year, was eliminated due to lack of duties, Scotten said.

"The community position has been one of those enigma types of positions," he said. "It was less than desirable."

The new positions are just several of the 22 ASUO Executive openings that need to be filled for next year. While applications are not currently being accepted, Scotten said he hopes to fill as many positions as soon as possible.

Scotten said with a full staff, the difficult transition to next school year can begin. The process, while already in full force, will continue through the summer.

"It's going to be a real tight timeline," he said.

"A lot of the energy will be getting the new staff into the office and sitting down with them individually," he said. "I'm really excited. There will definitely be a lot to do."

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