

Money given to five programs

■ **BUDGET:** PFC won't fund new conference-focused classes

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The Programs Finance Committee increased five 1997-98 budgets for ASUO-funded student groups in last night's meeting.

The PFC awarded a 3 percent increase to UO Legal Services. The group received \$104,965 for their 1997-98 budget, after requesting \$105,936. Most of their new budget goes to salaries because they are a service organization. UO Legal Services works on behalf of students who need legal representation and advice.

The group requested an increase in work study positions for student law clerks. UO Legal Services attributed their request for more money to the increase in the minimum wage. The group has been working on projects such as the Landlord Tenants Council.

Oregon Marching Band received \$97,341 as requested. The band asked for the increase because they needed a new sousaphones (big tuba). The 3.29 percent increase was given solely for the new instrument.

The band provides instruments for its members because many of the students' professional horns are not meant to be outside. The band purchases the instruments and lends them to the students.

Muslim Student Organization received an 8 percent increase. They requested \$8,111 and were

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1997-98 budgets:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
UO Legal Services	\$104,965	+4%
West Moreland Tenants Council	\$1,297	+27%
Muslim Student Organization	\$6,532	+8%
Philosophy Club	\$1,060	+25%
Oregon Marching Band	\$97,341	+3.29%

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awarded \$6,532. The group plans to bring speaker Yusuf Islam to speak on Muslim issues.

The West Moreland Tenants Council (WMTC) received \$1,297 for next year. The PFC awarded the 27 percent increase to provide an environment to deal with issues concerning students with children. The WMTC represents West Moreland student housing which is made up of full-time University students with special preference given to families.

The group's current project is getting a playground covered. They also provide study nights when they open up the community room as a place for coffee, snacks and studies. Much of the groups expenses were paid out of the director's pocket last year, WMTC spokesperson said.

The Philosophy Club received a 25 percent increase after debate over their proposed budget increases. The Philosophy Club requested that the PFC give them \$5,130 to bring in three major conferences and offer classes and workshops to create interaction

between groups. The PFC refused the fund the money requested for the conference-focused classes. However, the committee did give them an increase to \$1,060.

The committee recommended that the group take their idea for the new classes before the senate as a special request. The proposed conferences and classes are aimed at creating a dialog between the Native American Student Union, Jewish Student Union, Gypsy Romani Group, feminist groups and Armenian groups.

"This is not just introducing students to philosophical issues it's allowing and enabling students to participate in dialog about issues," Stephen Stern, Philosophy Club co-chair said. "I just don't understand the resistance to this opportunity." But the PFC said it could not support huge event increases like this one.

"I don't think they understand the process and they don't understand that the money is for the students," Greg Labavitch, Programs Finance Committee member said.

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the end of the school year when the body changes, so this endorsement and action doesn't lose momentum," Unger said.

Arguments against increasing student voting power in the University Assembly are centered around three basic concerns, as voiced at the University Senate meeting last Wednesday.

The first argument is that the University Assembly has not been in operation long enough to see what works and what doesn't.

The other arguments were that students are not necessarily the best representatives for curricular decisions because educators and librarians may be more distanced on University issues. In addition, the possible high turnover of student representatives is a potential problem, University

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Assembly members said.

Student senators largely disagree with these arguments.

"The Assembly is still overwhelmingly made up of faculty and library representatives, and students are more representative constituents," Krishnamurthy said.

"How can the students who are affected the most by these policies not be fully represented?" Student Senator Bill Miner said.

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