

Computing director named to state council

Joanne Hugi will serve four years as an advisor on telecommunications

By Laura Cadiz
Higher Education Editor

Joanne Hugi, director of the Office of University Computing, will soon be advising state agencies on telecommunications policy issues now that Gov. John Kitzhaber has appointed her to the state's telecommunications council.

"I'm gratified at the support of the governor's staff making this opportunity available to me," Hugi said.

Hugi will join 10 other members and council chair Kitzhaber on the Oregon Telecommunica-

tions Forum Council. She will serve for four years.

"What I can bring to the group is some success the University has had," Hugi said.

The success she speaks of is the May issue of YAHOO! Internet Life magazine, which ranked the University as the No. 1 public institution and No. 6 overall in a nationwide survey of America's "100 most wired colleges."

In February, the Knight Library received a \$258,220 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to catalog and preserve all archived Oregon newspapers and place them on the Internet. In 1996, the University's system was named the top campus network in the country by CAUSE, the association for man-

aging and using information resources in higher education.

Hugi was recommended to Kitzhaber by Lisa Itkin, telecommunications policy advisor to the governor.

"I've worked with Joanne for two years and through that she could add perspective to the council," Itkin said. "She is dead-on smart, really concerned about the position of Oregon for the future. She's a straight shooter."

Hugi has been the head of University computing for the past four years and has been working with technology at the University for 27 years. In that time, she has helped expand the University's telecommunications capabilities, including UOnet, the University's network.

Developed in 1995, the telecommunications council advises state agencies on telecommunication policy issues, while having the vision of "improving the quality of life and economic development in Oregon communities by enhancing the delivery of education, health care and government services."

Two hundred volunteers, including leaders in business, health care, education and development and telecommunications technology, have served on the council's teams and sub-teams.

Currently, other council members include the vice president of AT&T, the director of a cable access channel, the vice president of U.S. West for Oregon and the vice president of First Point.

Conference receives more funds from senate

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

The Student Senate overwhelmingly approved a special request Wednesday, granting the 1997 Eco Design Arts Conference \$405. The money, granted without any debate, will help pay for the cost of rescheduling the April conference.

"The dates we chose, unbeknownst to us, conflicted with Easter and Passover," said Adam Weiss, treasurer of Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability, which sponsors the conference. He said the money would cover mailing and printing costs.

The conference attracts 500 to 600 designers, architects and students for lectures and workshops on environmentally sustainable design.

In other business, Senator Jenna Wasson announced there would be a time capsule placed under the great seal in the EMU amphitheater. Wasson said builders recently found a buried time capsule from 1970.

"We decided to put in one of our own," she said. The capsule will include a Giga pet, pictures and music recordings.

Students interested in adding to the capsule should contact the EMU board by next Wednesday.

EMU: Board considering 24-hour access to building

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The board considered cutting funding from a previous allocation that will help EMU student groups move when building construction is completed but decided to leave the \$30,000 intact.

Board members also discussed taking back funding allocated for new locks on the EMU's outside doors. The locks have not been changed in several years, and thieves have stolen five computers from student groups in the building, EMU director Dusty Miller said.

To help increase building revenue, the EMU now has a Subway cart in the Skylight, Miller said.

"I'm not optimistic," he said. "We may be carrying a deficit into next fiscal year."

Miller said revenue has gone up, but he will have more complete figures at next week's board meeting.

The board has asked the Oregon University System, formerly OSSHE, for building-fee money as part of next year's budget. Board member Jenna Wasson said she is optimistic

OUS will help with the EMU's financial struggles.

But even with current funding problems, the board debated increasing the hours the building is open, which will cost several thousand dollars. They voted to work toward making it an option for students by putting it on the spring ballot.

The board was presented with four options:

- Keep normal hours and open the building 24 hours during Dead and Finals weeks, which would cost between \$25,500 and \$27,800;

- Open the EMU from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. during midterms and 24 hours during Dead and Finals weeks, which would cost between \$26,400 and \$29,300;

- Open the EMU from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. during the entire academic year, which would

cost between \$28,400 and \$32,700;

- Keep the building open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. during the academic year and 24 hours during Dead and Finals weeks, which would cost between \$30,600 and \$36,400.

The projected costs would pay for a night manager and a custodian, Miller said. The cost of utilities will be minimal, he added, and the building can absorb those costs. The convenience store and vending machines would be available for food.

In other business, the board decided to permit the Cultural Forum to ask the Student Senate for \$5,000 to cover unexpected expenses. The Cultural Forum actually needs \$6,000 for its new expenses, said heritage music coordinator Caitlin Lepper, but it is asking for \$2,000 for extra security, which was requested by University administration. The other \$3,000 are for a power and sound upgrade.

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