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Elmer: Evaluation set for Feb. 25

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progress we've made — some benchmarks or something."

Laue also said he didn't like the idea of comparing government to business. "We can't not provide police or fire, and we can't raise prices," he said. "The business analogy is one I've never gotten."

But some members of the council did agree with Elmer's tactics.

Councilman Pat Farr said that after going through one crisis after crisis another, he was truly impressed.

"We are going through a major overhaul," said Farr, who believes that local government has historically received a lot of criticism.

Councilwoman Nancy Nathanson said she felt the problem was one of communication.

"This city hasn't done a good job of communicating to its citizens," she said. "[Information] doesn't filter out about most actions, much less the reasons behind them, which never filter out."

In regard to the recent resignations within the city, Elmer addressed public concerns that the city was spending a lot on severance pay.

Mayor Jim Torrey, however, reminded the council that it was not an appropriate time to evaluate the city manager, adding that the scheduled evaluation is Feb. 25.

"With the structure that we are working with, there's got to be a consensus to back the city manager," Lee said. "Six votes one way or another."

He continued that if there was a tie, he thought there would be power plays within the council.

"I don't want to spend the rest of my term in that situation."

But Councilwoman Betty Taylor disagreed: "I am dismayed. This is a routine evaluation. Why do we have to fire someone or not?"

"Let's see what's improved and how things are going. After less than a year — unless a crime has been committed — I can't imagine deciding whether or not to fire [Elmer]."

Senate: Cultural Forum gets funds

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Guevara answered.

Senator Michael Olsen suggested cutting projected EMU costs such as the UO Card program (\$20,000), which will allow students to purchase food in the building with University identification cards, and a building lock change (\$20,000), which Guevara said is necessary for the safety of people in the building at night.

"I feel it's wrong of the student senate to micro-manage the EMU Board to tell them not to rekey the building," she said.

Senator Dan Reid suggested finding a cheaper way to make the room that houses the Multicultural Center and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance handicap accessible.

The board reviewed that issue last week, Guevara said, and decided not to un-allocate any MCC funding.

"Right now, I don't think it's right to go back on a promise we made to the MCC," she said.

Wasson defended the board's request.

"This project will benefit a lot of student programs," she said. "I don't think you can expect the EMU to fund every single need."

Senate President Michelle Johnston recommended using overrealized funds instead of the senate's surplus account.

"I don't want to penalize groups that want to do bigger and better programming because the building isn't up to code," she said. Using overrealized funds will keep the surplus account, which had a \$106,860 balance after Wednesday's allocations, from drain-

ing quickly.

The senate's decision will not be costly to the board, Guevara said.

"Having it postponed for a week is not going to injure us permanently," she said. "I would sincerely hope they would approve it [next week], and I would hope they would approve it at \$33,000, which is the total cost."

The senate denied the meeting's first request from the ASUO Executive for \$4,493.76, which would have paid the starting costs for a fund-raising dinner with ASUO alumni.

"Our vision for this is that it will be an annual event. We are more than willing to give back the money," fundraising coordinator Kelli McCartan said before the decision. The executive has been planning this project for two months, she said.

The senate also considered allocating partial funding for the project and considered giving a \$1,000 loan, but both motions were denied.

Tentative plans by the executive were to charge about \$75 per plate to alumni and less for current ASUO participants.

"You're gonna get your people who are gonna show up once, and they're not gonna show up again," Kriegel said. "Why go half-assed into this when it's going to be big?"


The student senate also decided to allocate \$5,000 to the Cultural Forum for Willamette Valley Folk Festival unexpected costs, including a new power system and a extra security. The Cultural Forum was also allocated \$850 for new window shades in the EMU Art Gallery.

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