

Programs Financing

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has committed \$2,081 so far this term. That represents a 4.9 percent decrease from last year's funding — more than the PFC's negative 2 percent benchmark.

ORGANIZATION	1999-2000	1998-99	% CHANGE FROM LAST YR	\$CHANGE FROM LAST YR
Assoc. Students for Historical Preservation	\$1,255	\$1,280	-1.9	-25
Pre-Health Sciences Center	571	610	-6.4	-39
European Students Association	255	300	-15	-45
Total	2,081	2,190	-4.9	-109

Katie Nesse/Emerald

Benchmarks

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"It was definitely a good move," Olson said. "Even though \$.55 seems menial, it all adds up."

The senate also lowered its advertising budget by \$100 to set an example for other student groups.

"We wanted to set a goal for the other programs," said Senator Autumn De Poe. "Some of them have to look at their budgets more thoroughly and then we should do the same."

Part of the argument for lowering the benchmark to negative 2 percent was due to the approximate \$200,000 that rolled over into the Senate surplus fund after last fiscal year when student programs had extra money in their budgets.

De Poe said that from what she has heard from PFC members, most student groups understand the reasoning behind lowering the benchmark.

The ASUO Executive is looking to make educated decisions about planning for next year's budget. ASUO Vice President Morgan Cowling said there is an unfounded fear that a rising incidental fee would hurt the chances for a tuition freeze in the legislative session.

"The administration, time and time again, asks us how can they defend the tuition freeze when the incidental fee is always going up,"

Cowling said.

She pointed out that new fees have been added in addition to regular tuition and the incidental fee. Examples, she said, include the matriculation fee, the AAA fee for architecture students, the new business school fee and the increased technology fee.

Both Gov. Kitzhaber and the state Senate have proposed a budget allotment of \$15 million for a tuition freeze for in-state students. The Oregon University System has seen tuition rise 80 percent over a seven-year period, according to the Oregon Student Association.

The ASUO Executive said the use and control of the student incidental fee is integral to activities on campus.

"The [incidental] fee directly benefits students," Cowling said. "It pays for things that are trying to make this environment better and supports active things students are doing to make this community better."

The EMU's 3 percent benchmark increase is lower than the requested 5.8 percent, said EMU Board member and Student Senator Jessica Timpany.

Part of the 3 percent increase was attributed to the recent rise in the minimum wage and anticipated regular salary increases for the approximately 90 unionized EMU

workers.

Timpany said the original 5.8 percent benchmark requested was the amount the EMU Board thought it would need to maintain all current operations at the current level of production.

Timpany said the 3 percent benchmark should allow the EMU to have some room to maintain regular operations and allow student groups to function in the best possible manner.

Olson said the EMU benchmark will help the EMU board focus on what they really want in their budget and help finance any renovation projects that may be needed to fix the aging building in the following fiscal year.

"The EMU has been viewed by some as a sacred cow — maybe because there has been a strong administrative influence on the EMU board," Olson said. "But it is expensive to run a building like this, and it has a significant price tag."

The Athletic Department Finance Committee was given a benchmark of zero percent. The ADFC will retain the level of funding it had in last year's fiscal budget.

"We want to send a strong message to programs and the EMU board to search through their budgets and pick off the fat," Olson said.

News Briefs

Frohnmayr and wife to receive city award

University President Dave Frohnmayr and his wife, Lynn, will be honored by the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce as recipients of its 1998 First Citizen Award at the chamber's annual meeting banquet tonight.

The selection marks the first time the chamber will honor a couple with the award. The Frohnmayers will receive the award for their contributions to the community through business and community service efforts.

The Frohnmayers are the founders of the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund Inc. The foundation funds pathmaking genetic research and sponsors an annual, one-of-a-kind international symposium. They also founded the Fanconi Anemia support group for similarly afflicted families around the world. They are the co-authors of "Fanconi Anemia, A Handbook for Families and Their Physicians."

President Frohnmayr also serves on numerous national and community boards, including the National Marrow Donor Program, of which he is one of the founding directors.

Lynn Frohnmayr served as family support coordinator for the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund. She also was national consultant and trainer in the area of foster care placement programs for

abused and neglected children and was manager of the East Lane County Branch of the Oregon Children's Services Division. In addition, she helped found the Lane County Relief Nursery and was a Peace Corps volunteer.

Gender will be topic of town hall meeting

The Multicultural Center will be hosting a town hall meeting titled "Gender in Higher Education." This is the second town hall meeting designed to examine issues of diversity on campus. The meeting will convene at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room and will feature four speakers, who will give presentations and answer questions from audience members.

"This meeting will help create a curriculum for a conference we are hosting in May, 'Education 2000: Race and Gender in the New Millennium,'" said Diarmuid Houston, director of the Black Student Union. "As the U.S. becomes more influential internationally, we have to ask ourselves if higher education is preparing students to interact with other cultures."

Presenters will include Lisa Foisey of the Women's Center; Jennie Mull of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Alliance; Robin Holmes of the Counseling Center; and Jamila Singleton of the Black Student Union.



CRIME WATCH
(Reported from Jan. 5 to Jan. 11)
Jan. 6, Theft III, 1800 block of Franklin Boulevard, 7-Eleven: items stolen.
Jan. 7, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, East 35th Avenue and East Amazon Street.
Jan. 8, Theft I, 1900 block of Onyx

Street: items stolen from car.
Jan. 9, Criminal Trespass II, 1400 block of University Street, Gerlinger Annex.
Jan. 9, Burglary I, 2700 block of Alder Street.
Jan. 9, Telephone harassment, 2000 block of Goodpasture Loop.
Jan. 10, Criminal Mischief II, 1700 block of East 17th Avenue.
Jan. 10, Interfering with a Peace Officer, Escape III and Minor in Possession, 700 block of East 16th Avenue.

House GOP proposes state income tax cuts

Gov. Kitzhaber questions how the lawmakers will pay for the decreases

By Charles E. Beggs
The Associated Press

SALEM — House Republicans said Tuesday they are considering going beyond what Senate President Brady Adams has proposed when it comes to providing income tax cuts for Oregonians.

Adams is calling for expanding child care tax credits for the working poor, but House GOP members are proposing such ideas as reducing the personal income tax rate.

House Speaker Lynn Snodgrass said while the Senate proposal focuses on the lowest income workers, the House GOP caucus is dis-

cussing broader reductions to help more people.

And at least three representatives have introduced bills that would cut taxes by reducing rates, changing brackets or both.

One would reduce the top rate, for example, from 9 percent to 8 percent.

"The difference is what group is targeted," Snodgrass said.

The Republican leader from Boring also said she believes chances are good that the House and Senate will settle on a tax cut, with the only question being how much.

Adams agreed, saying he's open to House proposals on the subject.

"I think we'll be there in partnership with the House," the Grants Pass lawmaker said.

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