

Student Senate decides on special request funding

Among the requests was money for a human rights conference

By Jason George
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After several weeks of intense debate in Student Senate meetings, senators dealt with the black and white of the green. The primary duties of Wednesday's meeting entailed deciding the funding for several group's special requests.

The International Law Students Association was granted funding to finance an upcoming

conference titled "A Generation of Justice: International Human Rights in the 21st Century."

"The conference is to educate students and community about international human rights," said Cristina Gabriellidis, University law student and an event organizer.

Members of the ILSA expect 1,000 people from around the United States to attend, including as many as 200 students from the University. The conference will bring speakers to campus to educate attendees on how participate in human rights

activities. It will also present educational panels and workshops.



Speakers featured at the conference include Paul Hoffman, president of Amnesty International, USA, and Michael Posner of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.

Robyn Carpenter, organizer of

a panel called "Cultural Relativism in the Struggle for Human Rights" said this panel will discuss how cultural practices are used to protect gender inequality throughout the world.

Though open to all students, the conference is focused toward those studying law. The conference will be held Feb. 25-26 and admission is free.

The Senate allocated \$3,828 from the surplus budget to pay for speakers and promotion.

In other news, the EMU Board reported that it was on track to

reach its 3 percent benchmark. It also mentioned repairs are needed for the EMU Ballroom stage.

The Executive Committee announced that Lobby Day, a lobbying effort in Salem, is happening on Feb. 23. One of the Lobby Day platforms proposed is to create an in-state tuition freeze for next year.

The Student Senate voted in favor of supporting the Oregon Need Grant. Established in 1971, the grant was created to increase availability of higher education by subsidizing education costs.

Frohnmayr speaks about University's impact on local economy

The University pumps about \$400 million per year into Eugene

By David Ryan
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Calling the University a "throbbing place of energy," University President Dave Frohnmayr touted the University's role in the local economy during a speech to the Eugene Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.

In an effort to dispel the stereotype of the University as an island unto itself, Frohnmayr stressed the University's impact on the local economy and its role as a producer of trained graduates.

The University pumps more than \$400 million a year in direct spending into the local economy, helping create high-paying jobs in technology and strengthen small businesses, Frohnmayr said.

Plus, there is that \$106 million in student spending, he said.

"The lines have dissolved, I think, between business and education just as they have disappeared between education and the sciences, education and the arts and education and all of society," Frohnmayr said.

Each month, the Chamber of Commerce invites a member to speak at its "members in motion"

luncheon. This month's speaker was Frohnmayr.

"If the UO was a corporation, it would be Oregon's ninth-largest corporation," Frohnmayr said.

"We attract \$160 million in out-of-state tuition. This is a richer community because of us. We do business with between 2,000 and 4,000 of you."

The connection between the University and Eugene's business community goes back to the University's foundation. Local businesses donated money to finish building Deady Hall in 1876.

Frohnmayr quoted a former Yale University president as saying universities should be safe havens, undistorted by the

aim to please.

But in reality the University must "take measure of the winds and rains, atmospheric conditions and natural obstacles," Frohnmayr said.

One of those atmospheric conditions was how technology is changing the business world at great speed, he said.

"There is more computer power in my wristwatch or in the car you drove here in than there was in the world in 1940.

"The personal computer did not come on the market until 1984. Now, 66 percent of Oregon households are wired [to the Internet] in some way."

Higher education is now more important to help business adjust in a fast-changing technological world, he said.

Part of the University's plan to deal with the pace of the technological change is the Process for Change, a program Frohnmayr said would transform general and graduate education and improve research.

"Simply a hodgepodge of courses that students pick isn't a coherent educational experience," he said.

Frohnmayr said he wants to streamline the choice of curriculum so students "have a sense of bond-ness with the learning process itself."



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A1: Oregon Ducks.

Q2: Which women's basketball team is ranked 18th in the nation?

A2: Oregon Ducks.

Q3: Where can you find the most exciting, heart-pounding entertainment in Eugene this week?

A3: Mac Court.



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Friday, February 19
7:00pm

vs. Arizona

Sunday, February 21
1:00pm

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