

Programs Financing

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has committed \$1,436,348 so far this term. That represents a 0.969 percent increase over last year's funding — slightly more than the PFC's -2 percent benchmark. These figures represent activity as of Tuesday.

ORGANIZATION	1998-99	1999-00	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
ASUO Child Care Subsidy	246,861	237,849	3.80	9,012
ASUO Programs Finance Committee	6,471	9,596	-33.00	-3,125
AVENU	3,597	3,622	-1.70	-25
Community Internship Program	14,671	15,076	-2.70	-405
DELTA/GSO	1,003	710	41.26	293
Hawaii Club	4,403	4,245	3.70	158
LACSO	465	480	-5.10	-15
MECha	16,399	15,925	2.98	474
Multicultural Center	31,405	30,760	2.24	690
Muslim Students Association	5,693	6,580	-16.68	-941
OUTLaws	1,651	1,776	-5.88	-125
Panhellenic Council	8,490	8,447	0	43
PERMIAS	3,988	3,411	14.47	503
Returning Students Association	8,686	8,642	0	44
Singapore Students Association	3,203	3,313	-3.30	-110
Student Bar Association	11,031	11,004	0.20	27
Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals	1,354	1,059	27.86	295
Sustainable Business Symposium	5,050	0	0	5,050
Total	374,421	362,495	3.29	11,926

ASUO PFC

The ASUO programs finance committee reduced its own budget by 33 percent. This change means a \$3,125 deduction for the committee's yearly budget. The committee decided that because of the low level of activity of PFC during spring term, they did not need stipends.

ASUO Childcare Subsidy

The cost of childcare increases by approximately 4 percent every year, according to PFC chair Reid. For this reason, the ASUO Childcare Subsidy was approved for a 3.80 percent increase. The total change to the budget is an increase of \$9,012.

Sustainable Business Symposium

The yearly conference held by the SBS previously received its funding through special requests. Now that they are receiving funding through PFC, their budget is set for next year at \$5,050.



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The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity added this lift two years ago so member Jess Markt could use the house after getting in a car accident that paralyzed him.

Disabled Services opens doors for disabled University students

The service helps disabled students find jobs and housing

By Amy Jennaro
Oregon Daily Emerald

Rebecca Yarbrough wanted to get involved in a job program that she heard about through the mail. She immediately started thinking about the job's opportunities, challenges — and accessibility.

Rebecca is one of 450 students associated with University Disability Services in Oregon hall. The services provide academic support like note taking and works closely with professors to make accommodations for disabled students. But the services also help disabled students achieve their independence by assisting them in finding accessible housing and on-campus jobs.

"Certainly we like to help our students out," said Hilary Gerdes, head counselor of disability services.

When assisting students in finding accessible housing, disability services looks for wide doors, few steps and a bedroom located on the first floor. Gerdes said the service typically refers students to the rental office in the EMU.

Brenda Wood, office coordinator of the rental office, said the office lists each house's accessibility as a way to inform disabled students about what is available.

Wood added that the rental office has also made accommodations in terms of transportation for blind students and works closely with deaf students.

Senior Jess Markt knows the importance of accessible housing. After a car accident left him paraplegic, his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, made accommodations by installing a wheelchair lift and accessible bathrooms. Disability services helped in the planning of how to make the home accessible.

"I was totally surprised that they would go through and put together the money and effort to do this," he said.

But disability services doesn't just help out with finding accessible housing. The service also works with human resources, the Career Center and other organizations on campus to make sure disabled students have equal access to on-campus jobs.

"We look to see if we can modify the essential functions of the job to fit the needs of the student," Gerdes said.

Modifications vary with each student but could be anything from improving access in a particular building to having an employer work carefully with a student with head injuries.

According to Chris Brown, compensation manager and Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator with the human resources department, the University makes modifications regardless of price or other variables.

"It is the responsibility of the University to supply reasonable accommodation," he said.

Disabled services also works with the Career Center to facilitate accessibility.

"We are involved in helping students at multiple levels," said Gregg Strehorn, a career counselor at the center.

"I'm sure there are a lot of students with hidden disabilities like slight vision or hearing problems who might handle situations on the job without telling the employer about their disability," Strehorn said.

Yarbrough said she was willing to use the services the University provided her in applying for a job.

"Disability services was really helpful in assisting me in exploring the program so I understood what I was doing when I was applying," Yarbrough said.

Strehorn said he encourages more students on campus to seek out the aid of the Career Center and other services on campus designed to represent them.

Disability services can be reached at 346-3211.

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