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keep student money on campus and make Universities more responsible for their funding. The \$116 million would also include the tuition freeze for in-state, undergraduate students. Senate President Brady Adams has proposed an even \$100 million instead.

The impact of state funding cuts resulted in tuition increases, program eliminations and the loss of enrollment, particularly from in-state students, Dennis said.

Money talks have forced students to band together and lobby for a tuition freeze.

"It's come down to this big showdown between the senate president and the governor," said Matt Swanson, ASUO state affairs coordinator. "We've had support all session. No one in the community is going to let it fade away without a fight."

Here on campus, ASUO and the OSA teamed up to collect student signatures on copies of the same letter, from those who support a tuition freeze.

The letter states that tuition has gone up by 90 percent in the last decade while state funding continues to decrease. It also

points out that most students graduate with \$20,000 of debt.

"I know it's scary — I'm an in-state student and you believe you made a choice that was more cost-effective but I'm graduating \$25,000 in debt," Swanson said. "So, I choose to go to Salem and lobby."

The letters will later be faxed to key legislators to emphasize that students do not want to pay more for their education.

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UO senior

Europe, it's hard to see so many American students struggling to pay for something so needed to get ahead in the world," said Sarah Moulton, a senior international studies major who signed a copy of the letter.

Moulton went on to say she plans to do a year of post graduation courses and hopes a tuition freeze will keep the cost of education down.

Dennis said legislators also discussed the quality of education, the student profile and jobs of the future.

Hearings on the OUS budget end Monday, April 19, at which point there will be an opportunity for testimony from the crowd.



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