

Senate passes two motions in first meeting of year

■ Non-registered students will now be able to take eight credits to apply to a baccalaureate degree

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Two motions, addressing credit hours for non-registered students and group-satisfying courses, passed unanimously at this year's first University Senate meeting Wednesday.

The motions were approved by the Undergraduate Council last year, and were among the "full-plate of agenda items" considered at the meeting, according to University President Dave Frohn-

mayer. About 75 students, professors and senate members attended the meeting in Pacific Hall.

The first motion passed would allow non-registered students to take up to eight credits per term for \$75 per credit hour and apply those credits to a baccalaureate degree. With this rule in place, students could get some graduation requirements out of the way and avoid paying tuition while waiting to establish in-state residency.

Because only a handful of students take University courses before registering, the motion will have "minimal fiscal impact," said Undergraduate Council Chair Jim Long.

The second motion aims to give

"apparent coherence to courses" by "tweaking" course grouping practices, he said.

The motion would require departments to suggest groups and sequences of courses and explain how a group satisfying course corresponds with general education criteria. Also, group satisfying courses would have to resubmit for renewal of group-satisfying status every five years.

The College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and the University Committee on Courses will receive the suggestions and submissions and make curriculum decisions accordingly.

After passage of the motions, Duncan McDonald, vice presi-

dent for Public Affairs and Development, and Student Senator Jerome Grzybowski spoke about ensuring that manufacturers of products displaying the University insignia uphold ethical standards for the treatment of employees.

"The University has an ethical responsibility to ensure that products carrying our insignia aren't produced under sweat shop conditions," Grzybowski said. "The University of Oregon has the ability to be proactive rather than just a passive player in this issue."

McDonald pointed out that Nike recently released the locations of all its factories producing merchandise for the University.

McDonald said he would like the University to obtain such lists from all 300 manufacturers producing sweatshirts, golf balls, notebooks and other merchandise carrying University logos.

The ASUO and Frohn-mayer will assemble a panel of students and administrators to look into the issue and discuss possible action, McDonald said.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included a tentative budget breakdown for 1999-2000 school year, with two-thirds of funds devoted to academics and the rest to administration, pay-raises for University faculty and the continuation of diversity discussions that were sparked by last year's Johnson Hall sit-in

Student Senate allocates surplus

■ The Senate drafted a budget for the upcoming year and appointed several more people to fill positions

By Jason George
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After eagerly waiting for the last two weeks, the Student Senate received the budget surplus figure at Wednesday's meeting.

For the rest of the year, the Senate can allocate \$91,875 of surplus from the incidental student fee, an amount less than many senators expected. With that figure, senators drafted a budget to use as a guide for the upcoming year.

The Senate decided to allocate \$17,000 this term, \$17,000 in winter term, \$26,000 in spring term and to keep a reserve of \$30,000. This model is not binding, but Sen. Spencer Hamlin said it was the first time the Senate has taken such a measure to monitor spending. The exact figures were proposed by Sen. Jerome Grzybowski.

Continuing on the theme of conservative spending, the Senate only approved one of the five special requests presented at the meeting. That request gave the ASUO Executive \$756 for computer software. ASUO President Wylie Chen appealed to the Senate, saying the computers in the ASUO office "just don't function properly."

Two of the four requests that were not approved were also related to the ASUO Executive. First, the Executive asked the Senate to help it cover the cost of locating a new director for Conflict Resolution to prevent the program from being in debt. However, Sen. Jennifer Greenough said she had talked to the program employees and they had indicated no such deficit. ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani told the Senate that her conversations with the employees were obviously "not in the same

tone" as Greenough's.

In light of the conflicting reports, the Senate decided to indefinitely delay the issue until more concrete information could be secured.

The financing to print an informational ASUO programs guide was also delayed until the Senators could have "more time to think about it," said Sen. Scott Kolwitz. The Executive was requesting \$3,000 to finance the printing of the "ASUO Bible," as Chen termed it. Again, continuing with the theme of being "frugal" yet "sensitive" to special requests, Sen. Hamlin encouraged the ASUO look into fund raising to help finance the booklet.

Similar to last week, the Senate again appointed persons to fill positions for this year. Jeff Kershner was confirmed to the Athletic Department Finance Committee following a nomination by the ASUO Executive; Ken Best is now the Elections Board Coordinator following a nomination by the ASUO Executive; and Waweru Gatimu received the KWVA board position that was occupied by former Sen. Autumn DePoe, who quit last week.

Senators Kolwitz, Grzybowski, C.J. Gabbe, Greenough and Jessica Timpany are now on the Rules Committee, which oversees the rules that govern the Senate. Anoushiravani, Senators Timpany, David Sanchez and Helen Stocklin-Enright were elected to the Committee on Committees. The Finance Committee consists of Sanchez, Jamila Singleton, Eric Pfeiffer and Gatimu. Lastly, the Personnel Committee is made up of Senators Hamlin, Scott Shoji, Michael Dixon, Andrew Schneider and Greenough.

The Student Senate is the legislative branch of the ASUO and handles financial issues regarding student programs. The Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night in the EMU Board Room, third floor. All students can attend these meetings.

OSPIRG reveals new campaigns

■ Reestablished this year, OSPIRG focuses on new campaigns, such as a new renter's code for the city

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After the funding for OSPIRG was denied for a year, the group held its general interest meeting last night at 150 Columbia after its reestablishment this year. About 70 students attended the meeting.

State representative Floyd Prozanski and ASUO president Wylie Chen were the speakers at the meeting.

"It's a really dynamic group of

young people who show their concern for the community by their actions," Prozanski said.

Both Prozanski and Chen agreed that OSPIRG provided opportunities for students to get involved in the University. Chen said he started participating in OSPIRG's activities when he was a freshman in the University.

Members from the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group also revealed their campaigns for the year during last night's meeting.

Through its "Earth Day 2000" campaign, the group would continue its work on cleaning up the Willamette River and raising students' awareness on forest pro-

tection. The group will hold a forest slide show next Wednesday.

The group also said it would keep on working on issues regarding the fees charged by banks. The group will launch a new campaign toward ensuring toy safety in addition to its work on pushing for a new renter's code for the city. Members from OSPIRG also talked about helping to fight hunger and homelessness in the community.

"I'm expecting to get a new group of enthusiastic students to help out our campaign, and educate people to the problems that are going on," said Jennifer Burns, director of OSPIRG.

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