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Student Senate faces two departures

■ Student senators Andrew Schneider and Scott Shoji resign, and Eric Pfeiffer steps down as ombudsman

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In the Student Senate's first meeting of winter term, two senators announced their resignation from office, and one senator announced his resignation from his position as senate ombudsman.

Although neither attended Wednesday night's meeting, Senate President Jessica Timpany announced that Sens. Andrew

Schneider and Scott Shoji have resigned from the senate.

In a letter read by Timpany, Shoji said, "The arena of politics is not my forte."

Schneider was named in a grievance filed in the ASUO Constitution Court by senior Scott Austin in November. In it, Austin accused the summer senate of nonfulfillment of duties and abuse of power, issues that dominated much of the senate debate in November and December.

Constitution Court Chief Justice Jeremy Gibbons said the court is still deliberating on the grievance. Sen. Eric Pfeiffer also an-

nounced he is stepping down as senate ombudsman, although he will continue to serve on the senate itself. As ombudsman, Pfeiffer was in charge of interpreting ASUO rules and investigating grievances filed by students in the senate. This included a grievance similar to Austin's filed by former senator Autumn DePoe.

Pfeiffer said investigating DePoe's grievance didn't specifically cause him to resign, he just needed time to work on other projects.

"Ethically speaking, I'd rather be involved doing more positive things," Pfeiffer said.

The resignations on Wednesday

Senate news

The Student Senate currently has three seats open and is missing an ombudsman.

Students interested in running for a senate seat can get information at the ASUO Executive office.

The Senate will choose a new ombudsman from three nominees at next week's meeting.

and one from last term leave three of the 18 senate seats open. ASUO President Wylie Chen said he doesn't foresee the open positions causing any trouble for the senate.

3 p.m. in 177 Lawrence Hall, will further explore and rework the White Paper.

Other senate business included the confirmation of Jane Gordon, associate dean of student programs and affairs to the Committee on Committees and a moment of silence in memory of Jane Gray, a biology professor who died Sunday.

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issues on a local, campus level. In the old budget model, decisions regarding faculty compensation were typically handed down from the State Board of Higher Education. The flexibility afforded the University under the new budget model caused increased expecta-

tions on the part of many faculty.

The SBC White Paper, which is still in draft stage, outlines a plan that will increase average faculty compensation "a minimum of 2.5 percent per year over and above cost-of-living" for an estimated five to seven years until a goal of 95 percent parity with comparator institutions is reached.

The White Paper includes pos-

sible sources for funding, including a reallocation of current funds, increased enrollment and increased tuition.

Members of the SBC, who addressed many preliminary concerns posed by University senators, stressed that the White Paper is still being developed. An upcoming University Town Hall Meeting, scheduled for Jan. 26 at

Hillel

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Hillel's mission, according to Hillel director Jeff Klein. Nationally, Hillel is trying to cross religious boundaries and become involved with community action and volunteerism projects.

"Instead of just being a home away from home for Jewish students, we want to interact with the campus and local community on social issues," Klein said.

Klein said Hillel hasn't decided

on the specific issues it will tackle, but he said some of the money will be dedicated to starting up the new Social Action Center, which will serve as a network of both religious and secular groups that have interests in social involvement and volunteerism.

"We want it to be a place where people can come in and find out about all the volunteer opportunities around," Klein said.

The center would also provide a space for groups to come together and work on different social is-

issues, according to Jamuna Golden, ASUO Women's Center office assistant. The Women's Center, along with the ASUO, OSPIRG, Students for Choice and many other groups, is involved in creating the center.

"A lot of issues overlap. It's good when groups can work in solidarity with each other and become more powerful with more people behind them," Golden said.

Hillel President Jessica Elkan said the money comes at a very convenient time. Hillel, along

with other programs at the University and in the community, have been working since fall to start up the Social Action Center. Now, with the money, they have the financial confidence to keep moving on the project.

"Part of Judaism involves charity and repairing the world — all of the world," Elkan said.

Out of 130 Hillels across the nation, the University was one of seven schools picked for the grant, which will go into effect at the beginning of next year.

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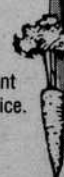
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