

Program Financing

Earlier this week, the ASUO Programs Finance Committee began its hearings to determine ASUO programs' budgets for the fiscal year 2000-01. Hearings will continue until the beginning of February.

ORGANIZATION	1999-2000	2000-01	% CHANGE FROM LAST YR	\$ CHANGE FROM LAST YR
Asian Pacific American Law Students' Association	\$425	\$535	.25.88	110
Holistic Options for Planet Earth's Sustainability	\$7,717	\$8,238	6.75	521
Jewish Student Union	\$11,088	\$10,745	-3.09	-343
Native American Student Union	\$16,250	\$17,013	4.70	763
Oregon Law Students' Public Interest Fund	\$2,108	\$2,143	1.66	35
Parents Attending Law School	\$351	\$316	-9.97	-35
Women's Law Forum	\$4,844	\$4,774	-1.45	-70
Total	\$42,783	\$43,764		

PFC cuts 3 of 7 ASUO budgets

■ The committee votes to hear appeals of programs whose budgets have been cut because of failure to attend the hearing

By Edward Yuen
Oregon Daily Emerald

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee approved the budgets of seven ASUO programs Thursday night for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. Among these seven groups, four have been issued an increase in their budgets, while the remaining three will notice a cut in the coming school year.

In addition, members from the PFC have voted Thursday night to hear the appeals from the Korean Student Association, Committee for Musical Arts and YWCA.

The three groups were originally allowed no funding because the representatives from these group did not attend the PFC hearing as scheduled.

The percentage change of the program budgets examined Thursday ranges from almost -10 percent to a 25 percent increase.

So far in the PFC hearings, the Asian Pacific American Law Students' Association is the group that will receive the largest percentage increase next year. The group will receive money to send representatives to conferences, while its travel expense will be eliminated.

Holistic Options for Planet Earth's Sustainability will see more than a 6 percent increase in its budget for next year, and the Jewish Student Union will experience an approximate 3 percent decrease in its budget.

The budget of Native American Student Union will have an increase of 4.7 percent, as part of the money is allocated to the group for its Winter Pow Wow, which was previously not funded.

Oregon Law School Students' Public Interest Fund will have a slight 1.7 percent increase in its budget in the fiscal year of 2000, in order to allow members of the organization to attend the National Association for Public Interest Law Conference in March.

Parents Attending Law School will have a decrease in budget of almost 10 percent, and Women's Law Forum requested a 0 percent change in its budget, but instead, the group will have a slight decrease of 1.45 percent.

According to PFC chairperson Shantell Rice, the PFC is trying to keep a 0 percent benchmark, as recommended by the Student Senate in fall 1999.

PFC was also scheduled to review the budget of Animal Justice Thursday night, but representatives from the group postponed its hearing.

The PFC will continue to review budgets for an additional seven groups Tuesday.



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State unemployment at lowest since 1995

By Brad Cain
The Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon's economy just keeps chugging along.

Latest figures from the state Employment Department show that the Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 5 percent last month, its lowest level since September 1995.

And State Economist Tom Potiowsky said rebounding electronics and manufacturing industries should keep Oregon's economy on a roll well in the coming year.

"We will grow slightly faster than the overall U.S. growth rate," Potiowsky predicted Thursday.

In its monthly jobs report, the Employment Department said Oregon's high-tech electronics industry has added 1,100 jobs since

April, thanks mainly to increased demand for computer and other electronic chips.

Job growth also continued in transportation equipment manufacturing, as hiring at motor coach manufacturers helped pump up employment by 500 jobs for the month, the agency said.

Another manufacturing industry that has been adding jobs in recent months is fabricated metals products, where employment has grown by 700 jobs, while wholesale trades is now 500 jobs above its December 1998 level, it said.

"It's nice to see many of Oregon's core industries finishing the year on a strong note," said David Cooke, an economist with the Employment Department.

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