

Elections

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didates from each of the other six races will face off in the March 1 and 2 general election.

But the executive results will remain secret to everyone, including the court and the ASUO Elections Board, until Monday.

The court will hold a public hearing today at 6:30 p.m. in Room 243 of the William H. Knight Law Center to decide if Gabbe and Larson broke ASUO elections rules when they sponsored a Feb. 4 International Student Coffee Hour by spending about \$40 on refreshments. The pair also had posters and other items promoting their campaign at the coffee hour.

Elections Coordinator Ken Best and other candidates all agreed Thursday that the court's new decision to hold the results will help everyone involved.

"It shows great foresight and ensures a fair, unbiased decision," Best said.

The board decided they would not look at the executive results until Monday's court decision.

But Larson said he worried the decision to hold the results might hurt campaigners preparing for the general election on March 1 and 2.

"It does hurt people ... who need to campaign for the general elections," he said.

Larson said he and Gabbe will continue to talk to people about their campaign over the weekend but they won't make posters for the general election until the court's decision.

But the court's decision still presents some questions. According to the court's decision to hold the hearing, if Gabbe and Larson place first or second in the primary and lose their appeal to the court, then they will be replaced by the candidate who placed third in the primary for the general election.

Best said he worried that if the election did turn out that way, the people who voted for Gabbe and

Larson would technically not have a valid vote.

Justice Daniel Vegramini said he couldn't comment on what the court will do if that happens.

On Feb. 10 the ASUO Elections Board ruled they did break election rules by offering a "thing of value" and promoting the outcome of the election and removed Gabbe and Larson from the ballot. They appealed the decision to the court the next day.

The court justices felt they couldn't make a fair ruling until they heard from the elections board and Student Sen. Jennifer Greenough, who filed a grievance against Gabbe and Larson after they hosted the coffee hour. They set the public hearing and decided to put the pair back on the ballot until guilt could be determined.

"The elections board ruling, if enforced, would effectively punish him before his appeal can be heard. This is not a just result nor is it in the best interests of the ASUO," Justice Robert Raschio said in the court's opinion.

Members of the elections board were outraged by the decision, which Best, the elections coordinator, called "horrible." They said they felt that by placing Gabbe and Larson back on the ballot until the hearing, the court was invalidating the board's original decision.

This year's election was the first to be conducted entirely via computer on Duck Web. Because of a program error, some graduate and law students were not able to vote for their senate seat, which is why Peter Watts received only 15 votes.

But except for that one malfunction, the computer system worked well and enabled the board to return results much faster than previous years. At the final tally, 1,942 students voted, which is 341 more votes than last year. As usual, many write-in candidates received a vote or two including Ed "All These People Are Idiots" Madrid, Portland Trailblazers forward Rasheed Wallace and some joke answers including Mr. T and "Not Scott Austin."

ASUO primary election results

ASCAP	
Daniel Paul Adkisson	377*
Amanda Langston	365*
Erin T. Rowland	258
EMU BOARD AT-LARGE (1 YEAR)	
Nicklaus J. Affolter	745**
EMU BOARD AT-LARGE (2 YEARS)	
Eric Banister	401**
Jessica L. Richelderfer	377
Christa Shively	471**
ASUO PROGRAMS FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Willie Thompson	882**
STUDENT RECREATION AND FITNESS ADVISORY BOARD	
Krista Trask	884**
Anthony Tran (Write-in)	10**
Rufina Miranda (Write-in)	10**
BUILDING FEE COMMITTEE	
Arlie Adkins	911**
PFC SENATE SEAT NO. 1 (1 YEARS)	
Jackie Lynn Ray	885**
PFC SENATE SEAT NO. 2 (2 YEARS)	
Mary Elizabeth Madden	582**
PFC SENATE SEAT NO. 3 (1 YEAR)	

Marie Brink	515**
Aaron C. Weck	417
EMU SENATE SEAT NO. 4 (1 YEAR)	
Ian Clayman	221
Erin Foote Pursell	179
A.J. Swoboda	247*
Skye Tenney	298*
EMU SENATE SEAT NO. 5 (2 YEARS)	
Kristin V. Dean	403*
Ted Ehlert	235*
Randy Newnham	216
ADFC SENATE SEAT NO. 7 (1 YEAR)	
Kate Kranzush	423*
Jeff Oliver	379*
ADFC SENATE SEAT NO. 8 (2 YEARS)	
Jennifer Greenough	773**
ADFC SENATE SEAT NO. 9 (1 YEAR)	
William Beutler	404
Gregory J. Zimel	491**
UNDECLARED SENATE SEAT NO. 10 (2 YEARS)	
Jessica Burmaster	310**
UNDECLARED SENATE SEAT NO. 11 (1 YEAR)	
Eric J. Bailey	204**
Ray Suit	94
AAA/INTERDISCIPLINARY SENATE SEAT NO. 12 (2 YEARS)	

(No write-in candidate received the necessary 10 votes to win.)	
JOURNALISM SENATE SEAT NO. 13 (1 YEAR)	
Serene Joy Khader	133**
SOCIAL SCIENCE SENATE SEAT NO. 14 (2 YEARS)	
Jesse Harding	60
Katie Howard	104**
SOCIAL SCIENCE SENATE SEAT NO. 15 (1 YEAR)	
Rebecca Cambreleng	103**
Jeffrey Read	44
Sean MP VanGordon	27
TEXAS SENATE SEAT NO. 16 (2 YEARS)	
Tex Arnold	78**
Etopi Fanta	63
GRAD/LAW SENATE SEAT NO. 18 (2 YEARS)	
Peter O. Watts	15**

*These candidates will participate in the general election on March 1 and 2 in a runoff. These results are unofficial.

**These candidates won their positions outright. Candidates who receive more than 50 percent of the vote automatically win.



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