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# Senate springs for Folk Fest

■ Also: The Student Senate satisfies summer session rule requirements rapidly

By Jeremy Lang  
Oregon Daily Emerald

With only one meeting left in the year, the Student Senate finally made itself legal for the summer.

In the past two meetings, the Senate Rules Committee has worked to bring a set of rules to govern the senate during the summer. The ASUO Constitution Court deemed the original ones illegal earlier this year.

Although the rules committee brought a set of rules it unanimously approved, the senate had multiple amendments to add and remove from the draft.

But once the changes were made to resolve the legality of how many senators make quorum, how they should be paid and how many office hours they should hold, the new draft passed unanimously and the senate can now function during the summer.

The senate also approved three special money requests, although one created some dissent among senate members.

The EMU Cultural Forum asked the senate for \$2,500 to pay for this weekend's Folk Festival and its headlining band, Portland's Pink Martini. Although senators were willing to approve the money, they realized it would have to go into a

## The new Summer Senate rules:

The ASUO Senate must meet at least once per month during the summer session.

Quorum during the summer session shall be set at 3/5 of the summer roster.

The summer roster shall consist of all senators attending at least 2/3 of the meetings and holding one post-ed office hour a week or four per month.

Any member of the Student Senate may vote on any matter during the summer session but will not be considered for quorum unless on the summer roster.

The full senate will select the summer chair and vice chair.

The senate shall allocate no more than \$5,000 total in special requests during the summer session.

Upon the judgment of the senate during the summer session, any special requests for funds that could wait until the full senate is reconvened shall be deferred until that time.

Any program requesting special funds shall justify to the summer session why they are in need of immediate funding.

Unless a full quorum of the ASUO senate is obtained, no changes to the senate rules shall be made during the summer session.

Source: ASUO Student Senate

fund raising account, a violation of ASUO rules.

Senator Helen Stocklin-Enright suggested the money be given to the ASUO Executive, which could then allocate the money to the forum. But Senator Peter Watts said he worried that procedure would be just as bad.

"I don't think we should launder money through the exec. for programs," he said.

But Senate President Jessica Timpany called the move a simple technicality and enough senators

agreed to pass the allocation by a 9-5 vote.

The senate also approved \$400 to the Survival Center for the Student Alliance to Reform Corporations, a national conference that selected the University for its meeting in June. It also gave \$150 to Justice For All for an upcoming conference.

With only one meeting left in their terms, this year's senators will meet with next year's body over the weekend to help them transition into their new roles.

# ASUO stipends standardized

■ A committee of student leaders and senators has structured a pay system they hope will be more equitable

By Emily Gust  
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Students from ASUO president to International Student Union director are paid for their work, but until now there hasn't been a solid system to determine how much money they should receive.

Positions within ASUO-recognized student groups generally receive monthly stipends. A new stipend model will evaluate positions based on degree of authority and time spent working each week. Student positions are paid through the incidental fee.

"We really wanted to come up with a system, even if it just continued what we already had," Student Finance Senator Helen Stocklin-Enright said.

The Programs Finance Committee currently determines stipend amounts, but PFC doesn't have a fixed structure on which to base its decisions. As a result, consistency in stipend pay didn't appear to exist.

"I think there was too much discrepancy between a lot of the people who held the same position," Student Senator Shantell Rice said.

Both Rice and Stocklin-Enright were members of this year's PFC.

Because amounts spanned a large range, it was difficult for the

PFC to decide how much a new position should receive.

"There was just such a wide variety of pay," ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton-Neiwert said. "It was hard to figure out where to start someone. Where do you throw them in somewhere between \$15 and \$600? It's pretty sporadic."

Rice, Creighton-Neiwert and Stocklin-Enright presented three models to a review committee, which approved a multi-tier model focusing on hours worked per week and the amount of power a position carries with it.

"We based the three models off what the committee members wanted, what student group representatives saw as problems in the current model, and what we saw the need for," Stocklin-Enright said.

Another idea the PFC is considering is tacking on an additional \$10 a month for experience. This would apply to people who have worked for a specific student group for at least one year.

The model has yet to be officially presented to the student groups, but the PFC intends to do so in the fall. From that point, it will likely embark on a three-year implementation process that includes moving over to the new model bit by bit.

The new system will be tested winter term next year.

Over the next three years, the PFC will keep an eye on how the process is moving along and will change things as needed.

"I think the most difficult part will be actually implementing the [model]," Rice said. "The changes won't be too drastic, but the student groups will certainly feel it. That's why we're going to gradually work it into the system so it won't be such a shock."

Staffers at the Multicultural Center said they disagree with its way of determining pay. They say their group functions communally, and there is no distinguishing between power levels. The new stipend model, they said, will force them to draw lines they don't want to draw.

"Power is a very strange concept when trying to work within a community," MCC staff member Mario Cifuentes said. "It's a hierarchical concept, and we try not to use it."

Ultimately, however, those who have been working on the model are confident in its ability to fairly and accurately determine stipend amounts, and they think that it will eliminate a lot of the discrepancies currently in existence.

"I hope everybody's excited," Rice said. "We've been telling groups [about it] for the last two years. Now we've finally done it."

"I think it's pretty fair, so I hope [the student groups will] appreciate that."

## Rally & March 8:00 pm



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Come early to make your own sign! Music begins at 7:00 pm. This event will be ASL interpreted. Organized by the ASUO Women's Center & co-sponsored by the Eugene Weekly. Men's discussion at 6:45 pm/9:00 pm in the Walnut Room, EMU. We appreciate the support of the following sponsors: APASU, ASUO Exec., Center for the Study of Women in Society, Ctr. on Human Development, Dept. of Biology, Greeks Against Rape with IFC & Pahlhellenic Councils, Jewish Student Union, NetCorps Staff, Office of Public Safety, Office of Student Life, Peacehealth, Residence Life, University Counseling Center, University Health Center, UO Alumni Assoc, Women's Law Forum, Pacific Women's Center, Rainbow Optics and Peter Shannon.

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