

# Executive

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criticism to their executive staff and being fair and just in their decisions.

However, the president and vice president candidly said that their relationship with Frohnmayer, the ASUO Student Senate and the lack of public relations in the executive office kept them from getting more accomplished.

### Goals set, problems met

When Chen and Anoushiravani began campaigning in the spring of last year, they compiled a list of 17 campaign goals, many of them specific and tangible, based on student input. They said their plan, above all, was to be an executive that was responsive to students' desires.

In reality, only a handful of Chen and Anoushiravani's goals have been met. The Athletic Department Finance Committee secured student seats at Autzen Stadium for the next 10 years. The executive office sponsored more programs and speakers on top of their annual events than before, including cartoonist John Callahan and social critic and diversity speaker Tim Wise.

"Tim Wise kicked ass," Chen said. "He totally shook up the administration ... and said what we're not doing."

There was also a handful of goals they discovered they simply couldn't accomplish. The Oregon Student Association Board of Directors voted not to enforce a tuition freeze. After the decision, there was nothing Chen and Anoushiravani could do.

They also wanted to increase the amount of student representation on the University Senate, but doing so, Chen said, would require a full meeting of the University Assembly, which he said they received little help in doing from the administration. Anoushiravani added that at the same time, student senators who have the right to be on the University Senate stopped attending meetings as well, with the exception of Sen. Jerome Grzybowski.

"I'm not the Student Senate president, and I can't make senators go," Anoushiravani said.

They encountered similar problems with University Housing

when they tried to make the student housing contract more flexible. Currently, students have to pay \$9 a day if they break their housing contract. But housing director Mike Eyster said more returning students have moved into new campus apartment complexes such as Ducks' Village and University Commons. As a separate business from the University, the housing department does not receive any fee money.

Chen and Anoushiravani also failed in their attempt to increase birth control accessibility in the residence halls. However, they found the plan unsustainable because each resident assistant from year to year would have to agree to keep them in the dorms.

They also had less outreach through campus media than they would have liked because their public relations representative quit early in their term, and they decided to take on the PR role themselves.

### Promises kept, meetings left

Most of Chen and Anoushiravani's success occurred in the campaign promises they began work on and have secured to continue into next year's executive. Specifically, they improved relations with the EPD, OPS and the administration. Anoushiravani said the coalition between students, law enforcement and the community during Halloween to prevent violence around campus helped improve communication between the groups. Also, a ride-along program, where students accompanied officers on patrol, helped students see first-hand how the EPD operates.

While EPD hasn't been asking for their advice very much, Anoushiravani added that they have communicated, which is an important first step.

"At least they are telling us what they are doing," she said.

OPS director Tom Fitzpatrick agreed that Chen and Anoushiravani helped lay the groundwork for better relations in the future.

"They are very focused on what they want to accomplish. The opportunity has been created to improve even more," he said.

Similar communication has been established with the administration, with the disappointing exception on Frohnmayer, they

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## 1999-2000 ASUO Executive goals

ASUO President Wylie Chen and Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani went into their term in office with a daunting list of 17 campaign platforms. While some succeeded (▲) and some didn't (▼), many got off the ground and will be up to next year's executive to continue (◆).

- ◆ Quicker Internet dial-in access
- ◆ Better, brighter lighting on campus
- ▼ Freeze tuition for everyone: in-state, out-of-state, and international students
- ▲ Create accessible, more affordable child care for student families
- ▼ Increase student representation on the University Senate
- ▲ More financial aid grants
- ▲ Retain student seats at McArthur Court and Autzen
- ▲ Sponsor more campus events
- ▼ Increase ASUO outreach through the Emerald, newsletters, and general publicity
- ▲ Strengthen all programs with personnel and resources, and the re-establishment of programs that students support
- ▼ Improve housing contract flexibility
- ◆ Better relations with EPD and OPS
- ◆ Better relations with the administration
- ▼ Advocating for a film school
- ▲ Advocating for American Sign Language as a foreign language
- ▼ Increase birth control accessibility on campus
- ▲ More computer and printer availability
- ◆ Covered bike racks

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