

# ASUO Student Senate elects Watts president

■ Sen. Peter Watts is focused on student safety and an expected budget surplus

By Emily Gust  
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A new hand secured leadership in the ASUO Student Senate Wednesday night as members selected Sen. Peter Watts to be the body's next president.

Watts' opponent in the presidential race was Sen. Lindsey McLean, the summer Senate president.

Touching on issues ranging from the budget process to ASUO appointments, Watts explained his concerns for the year and offered what he saw as possible solutions.

One of the larger issues Watts addressed was what would happen with a more than \$500,000 surplus expected at the end of the year.

The surplus will come from a 2.5 percent increase in the number of students from the number projected last year. Watts said the Senate should start thinking about the surplus early so that when the end of

the year comes, it knows where it wants to put the money.

ASUO President Jay Breslow pounced on the issue by asking both candidates to state their ideas for using the extra funds.

Safety arose as a shared concern between the candidates. Watts said campus lighting was a huge issue, especially around the graveyard.

"I think that any area of campus that's dangerous to students should be our top priority," he said.

McLean agreed, adding that she would like to see programs such as

Saferide expanded so that they could accommodate everyone who needs their assistance.

"They want to have the capacity to help people and they don't," she said.

Because the surplus is the students' money, Watts said, he wants to take the issue to the students and find out what they want to happen with the funds.

In special requests, Gabrielle Hendel of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance successfully transferred \$900 from the LGBT's

stipend account into work study.

By transferring \$179 from Dance Oregon's guest artist account to its fund-raising account, Senate fixed an accounting error in the group's budget from last year.

Senate transferred \$1,440 out of the Childcare Subsidy's holding account so that it may use the funds.

Finally, the Multicultural Center received its request to transfer \$138 from its cultural account to an account for food. The money will be used for food this weekend during the MCC Open House.

## MCC opens doors of acceptance

■ The Multicultural Center welcomes students of all ethnicities at its open house

By Lisa Toth  
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At the Multicultural Center Open House on Friday, visitors will be exposed to more than just information about the student unions — they will also have the chance to meet the new faces joining the MCC and the International Student Association.

The MCC and all the student unions on campus will open their doors to students, faculty and visitors from the community Friday from noon to 4 p.m. in the MCC.

Students can receive food from Subway by visiting the various student unions and collecting posters at each stop.

Brandy Alexander, a junior journalism major and the public relations coordinator for the MCC, said the informal event will allow students to come and see the MCC in a relaxed state. Alexander said she expects more than 500 people to visit the open house throughout the day.

The MCC offers students of any ethnicity the opportunity to hear speakers and to attend workshops and presentations that focus on issues of race, gender, sexuality and different cultures.

Alexander said the open house is a chance for the various student unions to plug their meetings and social events for the year. The MCC events fall term range from the Dr. Coleman Speaker Series to the tailgate party before the Homecoming football game. Students will also be

informed of MCC services such as free computers and printing for students, information about jobs on campus, internships, travel abroad programs and scholarships geared toward all students of color.

"The MCC has helped students get accustomed to campus and know the services that are provided for them and take advantage of those services," Alexander said.

Alexander said that in her second year working at the MCC, she has seen improvements in the facilities and services the MCC provides. Multicultural Director Erica Fuller is a new addition to the MCC staff.

"The staff has provided a unique atmosphere for students of color," Alexander said.

Annie Lo, a senior journalism major and international student from Taiwan, is working at the MCC for her first year as resource coordinator. She said the event will provide an opportunity for her to meet and become closer to the people who frequent the MCC's lounge.

"All of us are having events, and this open house provides the mingling space necessary for the people of this hallway," said junior theater arts and Spanish major Darlene Espinoza Dadras, who is an MCC programs advocate.

While the ISA will be participating in the MCC Open House on Friday, they will also offer students an official ISA Open House on Oct. 10.

The ISA, led by two new co-directors, has a handful of exciting opportunities planned for the year to bring together both international and American students.

"We just want to let students

### Multicultural Center Open House:

When: Oct. 6 from noon to 4 p.m.

Where: Room 33, EMU

### International Student Association Open House:

When: Oct. 10

Where: Room 206, EMU

For more information contact the MCC at 346-4207 or the ISA at 346-4387

know we are here," ISA Co-director Andreas Georgiades said. "Everyone is welcome."

Georgiades, who came to the University from Cyprus, said he hopes the ISA will promote an interest in internationalism and diversity through the different events they have planned for this year.

Bai Yu, a sophomore economics major, is serving as the other co-director. Yu, who came to the University from China, said that this year the five ISA officers, each from different countries, have come together with a positive outlook for the year.

"We started off working together through summer not knowing each other," Yu said. "We now feel comfortable working with each other, which is important in communications and working as a team."

Yu said that she and Georgiades share their position as co-workers and friends.

Upcoming ISA events include a traditional Halloween Party on Oct. 28 and a coffee hour every Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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