

### Programs Financing

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has committed \$1,874,844 so far for next year's program budget. That represents a 6.4 percent increase over last year's funding — slightly more than the PFC's 3 percent benchmark.

ORGANIZATION	2001-02	2000-01	% CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR
Disability Services Project	\$10,800	\$10,800	0	0
Asian Pacific American Students Union	\$12,276	\$11,999	2.3%	\$277
Coalition Against Environmental Racism	\$14,485	\$12,158	19.14%	\$2,237
Kultura Philipinas	\$2,739	\$2,923	-6.3%	-\$184
Chinese Students Association	\$7,413	\$6,914	7.2%	\$499
Crisis Center	\$18,226	\$21,548	-15.4%	-\$3,322
Spencer View Tenants Council	\$1,923	\$1,313	46.5%	\$610
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,862</b>	<b>\$67,655</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>\$207</b>

### Tabled for future discussion

ORGANIZATION	2001-02	2000-01	% CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR
Jewish Student Union	—	\$10,745	—	—
Black Student Union	—	\$16,693	—	—
Student Bar Association/PALS	—	\$7,312/\$316	—	—

# Stipend draws PFC debate

Opinions differed concerning the amount that Crisis Center student counselors should be paid

By Emily Gust  
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The new stipend model being implemented this year sparked considerable debate Tuesday as the ASUO Programs Finance Committee members argued over how much money student counselors in the Crisis Center should receive next year.

The Crisis Center was asking for a 20 percent increase in the stipends for its counselors, even though its proposed overall budget was an 18 percent decrease from this year's budget.

The PFC first suggested \$175 a month for each counselor, which would have equated to roughly \$43 per 15-hour shift.

During the budget presentation, Crisis Center Director Alison Lusk said she wanted to raise the stipends to \$60 per shift from the \$50 currently paid.

"They haven't been raised since the '80s and now we're looking at a decrease," she said of the \$175 proposal.

In response, the PFC approved a \$200 monthly stipend for each counselor — keeping stipends at their \$50 level per shift — but one committee member was still unhappy.

"Here we have a group that's coming to us to lessen their dependence on the student fee," PFC member Lawrence Gillespie said. "I just think the students deserve it ... and we're talking about students that can save somebody's life."

Sen. Jackie Ray, however, said the PFC was giving the Crisis Center the option to increase stipends next year to the highest level — \$225 — and PFC member Aaron Weck pointed

out that the counselors would already be receiving one of the highest stipends available.

"If you push it up to \$225, there's nowhere to go from there," he said. "That's it."

He added that \$200 was a fair wage, considering that even directors of some student groups don't get stipends that high.

Several groups' requests were tabled Tuesday because of complications with their mission and goal statements.

Last year, University President Dave Frohnmayer vetoed the Jewish Student Union's statement, which PFC Chairwoman Mary Elizabeth Madden explained was done because some language was too political or religious.

This year, the PFC was cautious while considering the group's statement and ultimately decided to wait until it was reworded before hearing the budget.

## Conference

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achusetts Institute of Technology on the East Coast, said David Conley, director for the Center of Applied Policy Studies and the director of the national Standards for Success project.

"From these conferences, we get a much better idea of what the faculty want from students," Conley said.

One of the goals of the conference was to gather material for a CD-ROM, including exemplary work samples and support information, which will be sent to every high school in the nation, as well as to policy-makers and other officials.

Participants hope the information will help close the gap between university and high school standards.

Francois Bodone, a research associate for Standards for Success, said there was quite a bit of feedback in terms of content and format from the small groups.

One important modification to the program that faculty members said they would like to see is the inclusion of syllabi, assignment guidelines and a scale of work for the work samples, Bodone said. Rather than presenting just examples of "A" papers, work samples for the CD-ROM should include examples of "C" and "F" papers, she said. "We need to work on the whole

package," Bodone said.

She said results from the conference showed a desire by faculty and administrators to work with the program.

"There was a lot of engagement and a strong willingness to participate and discuss the issues," Bodone said.

Although the overall attitudes from the sessions were positive, Conklin Bueschel said one of the primary concerns raised was whether the University would dictate what high schools could teach.

"We want to see communication, not just a dictum coming down from the University," she said.

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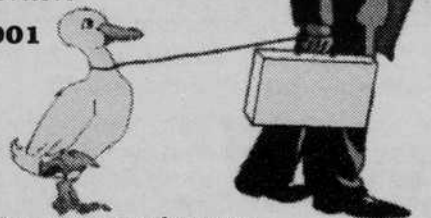
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