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However, the Multicultural Center's measure still must pass another obstacle before attaining official ballot measure status: The court must approve its structure and wording.

The court rejected the MCC's first draft of its measure Thursday because the structure did not follow ASUO rules governing ballot measures.

In light of the time crunch, Justice Ahsan Awan provided the group with a sample structure for its measure that would be accepted if it was turned into the court, essentially cutting the time the MCC would have had to work on fixing the structure.

Breslow, who is placing the group's measure on the ballot through his referendum power, rewrote the measure "pretty much exactly" according to the structure provided in Awan's decision. He turned in a copy to the board by the Friday deadline along with a memo explaining that it still had to pass through the court.

Breslow did not hire an elections coordinator until the beginning of this term, which has meant a short elections timeline and deadlines that are not so much set in stone as lightly placed down. Chief Court Justice Robert Raschio said the final word on the deadlines that must stand, and those that can be loosened will come from Shantell Rice, elections coordinator.

While the MCC measure is tech-

nically past the deadline, Swanson said, he was unsure whether that would affect the board's acceptance of it.

The MCC has "made the effort to turn it in," Swanson said. "Once [the court says] something, the issue of the deadline may or may not apply."

The MCC measure was intended to create a cultural programming fund to help groups bring people

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and events to campus, Breslow said, and it fits nicely with the center's mission to be an umbrella organization, helping out all the groups it can.

Breslow was a co-director for the MCC before becoming ASUO president, and he said he thinks the programming fund is a great idea because it will bring people to campus with ideas that are not traditionally heard.

"It's not specific to race or class or gender," Breslow said. "It's that really ambiguous word of 'diversity.'"

The Oregon Student Public In-

terest Research Group's measure had an earlier start than the MCC's. Breslow also placed it on the ballot through referendum, but OSPIRG still decided to gather signatures in support of its effort.

The more-than-3,000 signatures the group members garnered were pledges of support for OSPIRG, said Jessica Smetana, the group's campus organizer.

OSPIRG also took down phone numbers of those students who signed pledges so that group members could call some of them before the election and remind them to vote for the measure.

OSPIRG is a student group funded by the incidental fee, but it goes to the ballot every other year to renew its funding at the University rather than go through the ASUO Programs Finance Committee.

This, Smetana said, follows in line with OSPIRG's mission.

"We believe in advocating democracy," Smetana said. "It just makes a lot of sense to give students the opportunity to have a voice."

In another aspect of the elections, candidates have filed for 10 of the open Student Senate seats, while three others have no candidate and are open for write-ins.

To have a successful write-in campaign for the senate, Swanson said, a person must receive at least 25 votes to be considered a candidate.

To be considered for the office of ASUO president, a write-in candidate must garner at least 75 votes, and for all other positions, write-ins must receive at least 10 votes.

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on campus. We have noticed that they are generally right by buildings. They are not really in wide areas, and when you are at night walking alone on campus, you have to walk through these wide-open areas. So we want more of those, and we want them to be more visible and replace the blue lights with red lights that makes them more available, more visible and more useful.

Q: How does your decision to run fit into your ultimate career goals?

A: I wouldn't say that it affects my career choice very much, but I do feel that running for student government is everyone's responsibility. Everyone has an equal responsibility to take part in the government of the University. As long as you are a student, you definitely need to participate in your government, whether it is just voting or trying to hold an office yourself. Everyone needs to take that chance.

Q: What specific campus-oriented initiatives will you champion?

A: [Eric] Since I have been a student here, there have been no reported attacks by vampires, and I feel this is not a coincidence. I'd like to continue to keep the University of Oregon vampire-free.

[Brian] We support students that are dedicating making the University a more positive place to learn and socialize. We feel that those who make a positive difference ... strengthen our community because student government is not just for the ASUO Executive.

Q: What will you advocate on the state level for students, and how will you carry out your plans?

A: [Eric] To be realistic, we won't be able to affect anything on the state level. What we can do is try and reallocate and reshape how the student incidental fee is used to benefit students.

[Brian] No student government official has been able to do it yet. Every year, every candidate promises tuition freezes, and maybe they get them, but I don't think that really has anything to do with student

government. I think that is a state government or federal government type of thing. It's just perfunctory that student advocates show up and advocate that. We are powerless. We are college students. We are poor. We mean nothing. It's true.

Q: What is your definition of student activism?

A: My definition of student activism is fighting for what is right, fighting for what you believe in, regardless if it has a positive effect on the rest of the community or not.

Q: How do you define diversity? And how do you plan on bringing together the diverse voices on campus?

A: [Eric] I'd like to see all the voices brought together in a large choir of students who'd like to sing. Seriously, diversity is the coming together of people from every walk of life. There is an enormous variety in the types of students and people that are involved with University life. It's not as important to have strong groups as it is to have a wide variety of groups. If there is a student union missing for some minority on campus, it is very important that they have the chance to take part in student politics.

[Brian] You know what we should do, we should get a bunch of little kids from the Eugene area from various races, religions, sexual orientations, and you know, "We are the World," the 1985 Michael Jackson, Quincy Jones "USA for Africa" thing. We get all these kids and we dress them all up like all the rock stars. We could have a little kid dressed up like Springsteen, little kid dressed up like Dylan, little kid dressed up like Ray Charles, preferably a real blind kid.

[Eric] It's true, people love children.

[Brian] They could sing "We are the World" and pass a plate around.

[Eric] That fits in beautifully with the choir idea.

[Brian] It also kind of fits in with the scholarship idea. We could add that money to the scholarship fund. We could benefit two students instead of one.

Q: If two student groups were at

odds with each other, how would you resolve the conflict?

A: [Brian] First, I would consult past student government officials about it: Wylie Chen and Mitra Anoushiravani, Jim Brisben, Molly Manger [sarcastically referring to the current Executive, Jay Breslow and Holly Magner] — then just let the two student groups have at it in the media.

[Eric] I'd like to see differences settled in a pit of Jell-O.

Q: If there were one thing you could change about the University instantly, what would it be?

A: I'd like to see less daylight. Skin cancer is something that everyone needs to be concerned about, not just the elderly.

Q: Recent history shows a tense relationship between the ASUO Executive and University President Dave Frohnmayer. Do you plan on improving that relationship and, if so, how?

A: [Eric] Oh, we are much more likable than past executives, and I think that we would have an excellent relationship with President Frohnmayer. We'd like to begin this by inviting him to have lunch with us and possibly take a tour of the campus late at night, so he can see how dangerous it is and experience the lack of the safety beacons for himself.

[Brian] He'd probably like us because we ... don't really protest anything. We haven't really camped out on his lawn. I've never been arrested at Johnson Hall.

Q: How will you carry out things differently than current President Jay Breslow and Vice President Holly Magner?

A: [Brian] Who?

[Eric] We don't have much of a basis for what we would do differently from Jay and Holly, seeing as how we are not exactly sure what they have done while they have been in office. While nice people, Jay and Holly haven't done much but push for more voters on campus. So I think as long as we are visible as the ASUO Executive, we'll be on the right track, and be doing better than Jay and Holly.

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