

Funding request stirs debate in Senate

■ And the EMU will not appeal its Senate budget allocation

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A \$750 special request from the Black Women of Achievement stirred a bit of discussion during Wednesday night's ASUO Student Senate meeting, as Sen. Jennifer Greenough questioned why the group would not use \$350 it had in its accounts left



over from past events.

The BWA asked the senate to help out with the costs of the Black Heritage Fashion Show. But Greenough pointed out the leftover funds and spoke against granting the request as presented.

"Right now, I'd prefer for us to offset the costs with the funds [it has already]," she said.

But many senators noted the group's substantial fundraising effort and supported the request.

"They've clearly invested a lot of time in this," Senate President Peter Watts said. "And I think we should invest the little bit of time to give them this money."

During another special request, ASUO President Jay Breslow intro-

duced a new Executive campaign Wednesday that will ask students how the ASUO should spend \$100,000 it has sitting in one of its accounts.

"We have all this crazy fundage in the over-realized account," Breslow said.

Breslow said a committee would pick the best student proposal for how to use the money.

Termed the 100,000 Bucks for Ducks campaign, it will be a three-way partnership between the Executive, the senate and the University administration.

But rather than discuss the \$999 the Executive was requesting for a "public relations blitz" to let students know about the campaign, most dis-

ussion revolved around the point of the campaign.

"The student body would start to understand their legitimate power and the way they can affect this campus," Sen. Andy Elliott said.

The senate also passed a \$2,100 special request to partially fund a job search for a new MCC director.

Current director Erica Fuller is filling an interim position that opens up again at the end of this year.

In other business, the EMU board announced that it would not appeal its budget. The board considered such an action after the senate approved a budget .42 percent less than what it requested, but Sen. Skye Tenney said the EMU would keep the numbers as they are.

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thority of the Programs Finance Committee, the senate and a law created by the U.S. Supreme Court less than one year ago.

Madden, also PFC chairwoman, said she first had problems with the MCC measure when she voted Monday. She said the budget figures in the ballot measure don't match what PFC was going to give the group.

She added that ASUO rules give the senate — not the MCC — power to dole out money to campus groups.

"If approved, members of the MCC would allocate incidental fee monies as they deemed fit," the grievance said.

Finally, the grievance charges the MCC measure breaks last year's Southworth Supreme Court ruling that fee allocation must be on a "viewpoint neutral" basis.

Madden said the MCC would break that ruling if it gave money only to groups hosting diversity events.

But Breslow, who worked in the MCC last year, said the MCC needed to list what it currently receives in student funds, which appears in the measure.

"According to the rules, that part is right," he said.

As Wednesday night turned into Thursday morning, Breslow and other members of the Executive staff raced office chairs and listened to Kenny Rogers, waiting to hear from Chief Justice Rob Raschio. But when Raschio called to say the election would not restart, the atmosphere quickly changed from jovial anticipation to an air of heated debate.

Justice Ashan Awan told Breslow he ruled for the injunction because he hadn't read the grievance and didn't want to make a decision without all the information.

"It's really a mockery," Breslow

said of the current state of the election. "It's really a shame that it's going down like this. We're at the point where we're going to make students vote five times." The court will have a busy schedule March 16 when it decides on the funding matter and an earlier appeal by disqualified Executive candidates Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook, which first put the brakes on the process earlier this week.

The ASUO Elections Board, ruling on a grievance filed by Executive opponent Jeff Oliver, removed Jacobson and Cook on the night of the primary election after the pair distributed campaign fliers in the residence halls.

But Wednesday's decision left the senators and members of OSPIRG confused. The court ruled Monday that ballot measure voting could continue because University President Dave Frohnmayer must receive fee totals by April 1 to be approved by the Oregon University System.

ASUO rules govern that elections

cannot be held during Dead Week or Finals Week. This means the injunction will ensure the ballot measure result won't be available by April 1.

Frohnmayer is out of the state and Executive Assistant President Dave Hubin, who could also answer questions regarding the funding deadline, could not be reached for comment.

Tauber said he could not comment on the injunction.

"We've made no determination on the merits of the grievance," Tauber said.

But OSPIRG spokeswoman Melissa Unger said the court's decision is not in the best interest of student voters, and OSPIRG will continue to campaign.

"We won't stop getting our message out to students," she said. "We never will."

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