

Election

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The court will hold a hearing to decide the grievance and Jacobson's appeal March 16. Regardless of the decisions from that hearing, the ASUO has begun work to bend the April 1 deadline.

ASUO President Jay Breslow, Raschio and Senate President Peter Watts met with Executive Assistant President Dave Hubin on Thursday to discuss how the funding measures could be added into the final fee total.

Hubin said the deadline exists so the administration has time to review the budget before it is set for final approval to the Oregon University System.

"We do give this a very thorough review, and we do need time for discussion," Hubin said. But he added that Breslow could prepare an appeal for an extension so voting could occur the first week of spring term.

Breslow said he will start working on an informal budget proposal that includes everything but the money that could be granted to OSPIRG and the MCC, then ask for the extra few days for voting.

Whenever voting starts again, the ASUO will need to decide whether to count votes cast Wednesday before the injunction or start the election from scratch.

Breslow said he believed the tally would be saved, but it would be a final decision for Elections Coordinator Shantell Rice, who could not be reached for comment.

"It would be like the election never stopped," Breslow said.

Emerald reporter Emily Gust contributed to this article.

ASUO Election timeline:

Thursday, March 1: The ASUO Elections Board, ruling on a grievance filed by vice presidential candidate Jeff Oliver, disqualifies candidates Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook from the Executive election. On the same night, Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair, and Jacobson and Cook finish at the top of the primary election. But the disqualification allows Eric Bailey and Oliver to advance to the general election.

Sunday: The ASUO Constitution Court halts the general election so it can hear Jacobson's appeal. With ASUO rules barring elections during Dead Week and Finals Week, the court's action ensures the election will be delayed until spring term.

Monday: The court amends its ruling to allow voting on the OSPIRG and Multicultural Center ballot measures. Both measures involve funding increases, and University President Dave Frohnmyer must have a fee funding total by April 1. To make the deadline, the election would need to happen this week.

Wednesday morning: Ballot measure voting begins.

Wednesday evening: After five student senators file a grievance against the MCC measure, Justice Alan Tauber stops voting again. He enjoins voting on both measures even though the senators petitioned him to let OSPIRG voting continue.

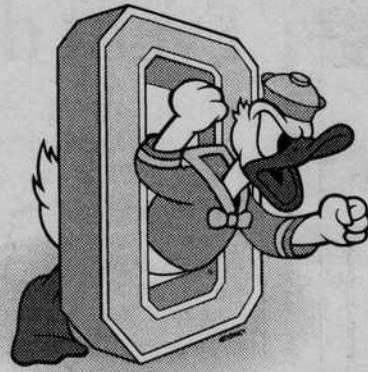
Thursday: The MCC Board decides to fight the grievance.

March 16: The court will hold a hearing to decide Jacobson's appeal and the senators' grievance.



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