



2002 ASUO Executive candidates

| Presidential candidate | Running mate |
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| Eric Bailey, junior, planning, public policy and management | Charlotte Nisser, junior, journalism/international studi |
| Timothy Dreier, sophomore, economics | n/a |
| John Ely, junior, undeclared | Hayes Hurwitz, sophomore, economics |
| Jesse Harding, junior, journalism | Todd Brink, junior, psychology/English |
| Gregory McNeill, sophomore, political science/religious studies | . Maco Stewart, junior, political science |
| Rachel Pilliod, sophomore, political science | Ben Buzbee, junior, business major |
| Sean Powell, junior, political science | Tyler Lofquist, junior, political science |
| Sean Ritchie, junior, business/sociology | Jason Babkes, junior, philosophy/business |
| Haben Woldu, sophomore, biology | Oscar Arana, junior, journalism |
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Kulongoski

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the timing of the two visits was purely coincidental.

Kulongoski spent most of the hour-long meeting focusing on

"Oregon has not yet figured out a way to look at education holistically," Kulongoski said, referring to what he called a "split between K-12 and higher education." He said the future of Oregon is in higher education, and he admired the role community colleges have taken in being "student-focused." But he said that Oregon has not placed a high enough priority on higher learning.

The candidate said higher education's funding problems are due, in part, to a heavy dependence on K-12 systems as a fix to Oregon's problems.

When families and churches fail, we've asked schools to pick up the slack," Kulongoski said. He added that Oregon isn't able to do its job correctly right now because the political system isn't working right.

"You cannot govern by the initiative process," he said. "We take so much time and energy trying to defeat them, we can't focus on the issues right now.'

Ultimately, Kulongoski concluded that increasing money for Ore-



balanced budget might involve raising taxes in the long run. "What governor has

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tried to focus on is the longterm view, and \$830 million

may not be the bottom number," he said.

The former lawyer, who has been a state legislator, Oregon's attorney general and most recently an Oregon Supreme Court justice, listened as students asked questions about topics ranging from the pollution of the Willamette River to assisted suicide.

"To get people to change their conduct, you have to make them want to change," he said, referring to the farmers and businesses who are partly responsible for the pollution of the river.

Kulongoski also voiced support for Oregon's Death with Dignity Law.

"I believe Attorney General Ashcroft is wrong and will lose the litigation he's involved in," he said.

Jacob DeAngelo, a coordinator for OSPIRG, said he hopes Kulongoski will continue to fight pollution in the Willamette River.

"The issue is a problem that affects most Oregonians. It's long overdue for a major cleanup effort," he said.

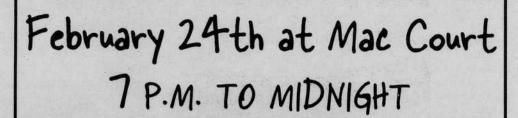
LGBTQA co-director Maddy Melton said the candidate's focus on rights for minorities might earn her vote.

"I'm interested in finding out what part he took in an equal rights bill in the '70s," Melton said, referring to legislation Kulongoski spoke about during the meeting.

Linman said that Kulongoski's focus on colleges and universities was refreshing.

Oregon has the perception that we're supposed to focus on K-12. Once they graduate we forget about them," Linman said.
"To not invest in these people is utterly ridiculous."

E-mail community reporter Brook Reinhard



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