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Fees

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"An example would be an art course with art supplies - those sorts of things," he said. Lab materials for Architecture 461 will increase from \$5 to \$10 if the proposal is approved.

Dyke said departments can legally adjust fees annually and often do. The adjustments must comply with Oregon law and must be approved by a supervising vice president, the Oregon University System chancellor's office and the secretary of state before they are implemented. Public input is considered by Vice President for Administration Dan Williams. Student advocacy also can review some fees and suggest changes. A public hearing on the changes begins at 3 p.m. March 12 in the EMU Board Room.

The increases also affect the price of parking permits and speeding fines. Students stopped by the Department of Public Safety for speeding or ticketed for blocking a fire hydrant with their car would pay an extra \$10 next year under

the proposal.

Rand Stamm, parking and transportation manager for public safety, said the department wants to raise some fines to deter complacent or reckless drivers from endangering lives.

'We have quite a bit of speeding on campus," he said. "People riding bicycles or walking could get seriously hurt. If that concern won't persuade you, the cost will. That's why we have fines.'

Stamm said the department also will increase parking-permit costs about 3 percent to cover the rising annual price of enforcement and parking lot improvements. The price of a 12-month student parking permit would increase from \$85 to \$88 in 2002-03, and a yearlong faculty parking permit would increase from \$150 to \$155.

DPS also plans to implement a \$5 bicycle permit fee for all riders on campus.

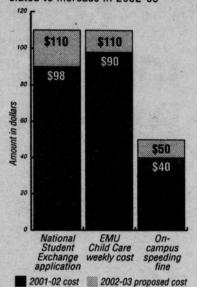
If the fee and fine adjustments are adopted, not every student will foot the increases. Williams said the user fees are designed, in principle, to tax specific groups of students. After all, it doesn't make sense to charge students for printing costs if they're not using a computer lab, he said.

"Students who don't choose or need these activities or services should not be subsidizing them," he said. "Some are troubled by the fact that the fees have grown over the years. There is discussion going on now that some fees should be folded into tuition costs.'

Student advocates closely examine fees levied at students because tuition has become so expensive, director for student advocacy Hilary Berkman said. She said the bicycle permit fee is a prime example of a cost students shouldn't be forced to bear. She said student advocacy would object to the fee

Targeted UO fees

Some costs for students are slated to increase in 2002-03



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because it dissuades students from riding their bikes to class.

"It doesn't look like a lot of money, but it's definitely a fee we object to because it doesn't further the strong policy of keeping cars off campus," she said. "I think it's important that students don't have cumulative fees they don't notice until they register. If a particular fee disproportionately affects students, we might look at that also.'

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which corridors to focus on.

But the ASUO input that facilities is waiting for seems nonexistent. ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn said ASUO hasn't really been involved in the planning, as the "executive role is giving the mon-ey." She said ASUO is leaving it up to facilities to decide how the money will be used and where the lights will be placed on campus.

Another obstacle that facilities must overcome is a new city code that restricts "up lights," Bloom said. He said the lights used on campus now "look like airport lights. They light up the whole sky.'

New bulbs would use less energy than current bulbs and would direct more light where it is needed, Blooms said. Replacing current bulbs could mitigate the need for additional lighting, so it is difficult to project what new lights would be needed.

The one project already under way will replace lights along the corridor from the EMU to the East Bean parking lot. The first new pole has been put up with a new, efficient bulb on the west side of the Agate Street crosswalk, Bloom said.

It is unclear whether the money will focus solely on improving lighting on campus corridors, or if the money will be used for other safety-related maintenance costs, such as repairing sidewalks or trimming back bushes.

The money for the lighting project was allocated from the 2000-01 overrealized fund. Enrollment was significantly higher than projected for the year, which allowed ASUO to distribute the extra money to various projects on campus, including the ASUO "Bucks for Ducks" contest, the Center on Diversity and Community, and Facilities Services. Brooklyn said some of the money was distributed to facilities because of student demand for more lighting.

The involved organizations will be meeting Feb. 28 to discuss energy consumption and student concerns. They plan to develop a timeline for when the new lights will be installed.

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