

ASUO Executive candidate Eric Bailey checks the results of the primary election Friday to find that his ticket placed fourth overall. ASUO ticket Rachel Pilliod and Ben Buzbee, who took first in the vote, will square off against the runners-up from the primary, candidates Sean Ritchie and Jason Babkes, in the general elections starting Wednesday.



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there is one ASUO candidate going on to the general elections. May the best candidate win."

Bailey and running mate Charlotte Nisser placed fourth with 266 votes, slightly more than last year when Bailey and Jeff Oliver scored 237 votes.

Candidates John Ely and Hayes Hurwitz, who placed a distant seventh out of 10, said they are demanding a recount of votes because they believe the system could have defaulted.

"I am contesting this. There is no way that I only got 144 votes. I work in a sorority house, and they all voted for me, and I had a whole fraternity behind me. Basically, I just want to see proof," Ely said.

The voter turnout hit 15.3 percent, still short of the ASUO Elections Board's goal of 20 percent, but Elections Coordinator Courtney Hight said she was still pleased that this year's tally was higher than last year's primary, which only hit 9 percent despite an extended voting period.

"We hope to meet our 20 percent goal during general elections," Hight said. "I think all of the candidates did an excellent job."

The primary campaign remained grievance-free, but that may change today. The Commentator, which sponsored "subver-sives-fighting" candidate Tim Dreier, plans to file a grievance with the ASUO because the elections board kept the press outside the ASUO Executive office where the DuckWeb votes were tallied Friday night.

Commentator publisher Bret Jacobson said the move violated Oregon law allowing media representatives to watch vote counting.

"We would like the votes recounted with media presence and the (ASUO Constitution Court)," Jacobson said. "If they recount it, some part of justice will be served."

Dreier placed last with 98 votes. A number of ASUO Student Senate seats and other positions were also decided Friday.

The closest contest came in Seat #1, where Sen. Dominique Beaumonte defeated Rick Reed by only three votes, 602-599.

Two other seats had more than two candidates, and the winner will be decided with the Executive in the general election.

Kate Kranzush and Brad Fetrow advanced in the Seat #7 race, beating Sho Ikeda, who ran for ASUO Executive last year on a platform of making dolphins legal housepets and comparing diversity to the Nin-tendo game "Super Mario Bros."

In Seat #14, Levi Strom and Abby Lovett advanced, beating Anthony Kuchulis.

And, like previous years, many humorous write-in candidates got a nod for Executive and senate. including Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington, Jesus Christ, botball commentator John Madden, "the French judge for ice skating," ASUO Vice President Joy Nair and former ASUO President Wylie Chen.

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2002 ASUO primary election results:

President/Vice President

Rachel Pilliod/Ben Buzbee --- 541 Sean Ritchie/Jason Babkes --- 403 Haben Woldu/Oscar Arana --- 385 Eric Bailey/Charlotte Nisser - 266 Sean Powell/Tyler Lofquist --- 145 John Ely/Hayes Hurwitz --- 144 Ezra Mannix/Lucas Willett --- 144

Jesse Harding/Todd Brink --- 115 Gregory McNeill/Maco Stewart

Tim Dreier --- 98

Associated Students Presidential Advisory Committee Steve Gold -- 1,022

Programs Finance Committee Two-year At-Large Member James Tilford --- 563

Russ Tkebuchaava --- 483

Programs Finance Committee One-year At-Large Member Kate Shull --- 1,014

EMU Board At-Large Member Jacob Holcombe - 689

EMU Board At-Large Member Christa Shively --- 756

Student Senate Seat #1 Dominique Beaumonte --- 602 Rick Reed --- 599

Student Senate Seat #2 Matthew Pfeiffer - 980

Student Senate Seat #3 Meghan Standridge - 1,010

Student Senate Seat #4 Kady-Ann Davy --- 1,033

Student Senate Seat #5 Aryn Clark — 632 Samuel Berg - 388

Student Senate Seat #7 Kate Kranzush --- 457 Brad Fetrow --- 375

Alain Sho Ikeda --- 279 Student Senate Seat #8

Joseph Streckert - 940 Student Senate Seat #10

Ben Strawn --- 197 Student Senate Seat #13

Jackie Lynn Ray --- 254

Student Senate Seat #14 Levi Strom - 123

Abby Lovett --- 117 Anthony Kuchulis --- 61

Student Senate Seat #16 Tex Arnold --- 114

Student Senate Seat #17

Michael Linman — 91 Starla Cummins - 66

Student Senate Seat #18

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Scott Austin --- 12

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