



ASUO will resubmit measures for election

The ASUO will hold a special election after clearing up some language in measures about the budget

ASUO elections

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The ASUO Constitution Court on Tuesday denied four major ballot measures slated for the upcoming ASUO special election because of unclear language.

The special election, which will take place Oct. 28 and 29, includes an update to the ASUO Constitution and funding exemptions for the Programs Finance Committee and the Athletic Department Finance Committee.

According to the court's opinion, Ballot Measure 6.15.1 violated an ASUO Constitution rule stating ballot measures must be worded in a "clear and objective fashion."

In another separate opinion, the Court said Ballot Measures 6.15.2, 14.4 and 14.6 also violated the ASUO Constitution because they did not state a question.

ASUO President Rachel Pilliod said the

ASUO has resubmitted all the measures that were rejected by the court.

"All of them got rejected — not because they are bad measures — but because they were either poorly worded or not in the right form," she said.

Ballot Measure 6.15.1 would give PFC a one-time exemption to the 7 percent budget limitation to include ASUO programs previously funded via ballot measures. The referendum system that allowed groups to receive incidental fees via ballot measure was changed last year in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Ballot Measure 6.15.2 would give the ADFC a one-time exemption to include two pre-season football games in the budget. The increase would be capped at 9.5 percent.

Pre-season football tickets are usually paid with the budget surplus or McArthur Court fund; however, neither funding source can afford the tickets in 2003-04.

Pilliod said the increases would likely not increase the amount students pay in incidental fees, especially if enrollment increases. To help offset the increase, the ASUO is also planning to recommend a \$5 increase in summer

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Signing off



Sentiment about war and patriotism has been high in Eugene recently, as evidenced by this odd juxtaposition on University street by the EMU.

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Political fairs will showcase candidates

ASUO will host two political fairs to help inform students about ballot measures and candidates

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Students will have a unique opportunity to meet and greet at least seven politicians today, in addition to getting a more informed view on various ballot measures Thursday.

ASUO is hosting a Candidate Fair in the EMU Lobby from noon to 2 p.m. today, and a Ballot Measure Fair on Thursday, also from noon to 2 p.m. Depending on weather, Thursday's fair will be held in either the EMU Lobby or the EMU Amphitheater.

"Our biggest challenge was finding a time and day that works for everyone," ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Adam Petkun said.

The fair offers students and community members the opportunity to meet some of the candidates running in the Nov. 5 elections. Confirmed candidates for the fair include Democrats Tony Corcoran, Vicki

Walker, Robert Ackerman and Floyd Prozanski, Republicans David Alsup and Greg McNeill, and Libertarian Jay Bozievich. Looking forward to seeing how students and candidates interact, Petkun said the best thing about the fair is the number of candidates who were eager to attend.

"When we vote, they really do listen," he said. Because of the high number of candidates Petkun contacted, he said he expects more than the confirmed number will attend.

The Ballot Measure Fair will include both proponents and opponents of four ballot measures. Participating groups will staff information tables at the fair, allowing students and community members to pick up literature and ask questions regarding the measures.

"We tried to find everyone possible," said ASUO legislative associate Steffan Myers, who has been planning for the event and contacting potential participants since the campaign

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WEATHER

Today: High 63, Low 35,
sunny with patchy morning fog
Thursday: High 60, Low 38,
area of low clouds, then sun

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday

A campus stuttering support group reaches out to media

Friday

Mentoring program lets MEChA members preserve their culture

Mannix makes education high priority

Kevin Mannix opposes the income tax package as a way of reviving educational funding

Oregon votes 2002

Brad Schmidt

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Republican gubernatorial candidate Kevin Mannix knows that the entire Legislative system revolves around a system of checks and balances. But for the former state representative, that system doesn't stop, even when he heads home.

"I have a vital communications link with my own three children," Mannix said. "They keep

me on my toes and they keep me energized."

And, according to Mannix, they keep him in touch with today's students.

Among the many topics on his platform, the need to better fund Oregon's educational system ranks high on his list.

"I am the only candidate who has been willing to attach a price tag to what we need to do to bring excellence to the state system of higher education, and the only candidate who is committed to paying that price," said Mannix, a lawyer of 28 years. "I recognize that higher education has to be a priority area, and I have given it that priority."

In giving it that attention, Mannix has tried to dispel the idea that an income tax package is needed to revive educational funding and the

economy. In fact, Mannix said he believes implementing the January tax package could leave the state in shambles.

"We will be able to protect funding for education and public safety if we institute some other emergency reforms in state government," he said. "An income tax increase during a recession is a bad idea — it weakens our capabilities to strengthen the economy. It also takes more money out of the pockets of taxpayers at the times when they most need their own money."

Mannix said he believes the Legislature should consider approving a package that was put together a few years ago that would invest \$350 million into higher education. Mannix added he

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