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The other confirmed members are: Donald Blair, vice president and chief financial officer of Nike Inc.; Kirby Dyess, private investor and former vice president and director of operations for Intel Capital; Timothy Nesbitt, chief executive officer of the Oregon AFL-CIO; John von Schlegell, managing partner of Endeavor Capitol; Gretchen Schuette, president of Chemeketa Community College; and Howard Sohn, chairman of the board of the Lone Rock Timber Company.

Kulongoski, who already appointed three members to the board last summer, also reappointed University chemistry professor Geraldine Richmond.

ASUO President Maddy Melton said she feels encouraged that the new appointees plan to focus on access to higher education.

"That's what we down here in the ASUO talk about all the time, and to hear that echoed at the highest levels is really exciting," she said.

Melton added that while she's excited to hear about the new board's goals, she will be watching to see if board members follow through on the comments they made in their confirmation hearing.

Oregon Student Association Executive Director John Wykoff echoed Melton's thoughts.

"Obviously (the board members) are looking to do things in a totally different way," he said. "We'll just have to see in what way."

Wykoff, who attended the confirmation hearings, said the board members seemed passionate about refocusing the state's role on higher education and making it accessible and affordable. He said the cost of post-secondary education was of preeminent concern to the OSA.

He added, however, that the success of the board is tied to the Legislature's own level of commitment to higher education.

"We've got to turn around the funding," he said.

Oregon University System spokeswoman Di Saunders agreed that money was a major problem for Oregon universities.

"We're excited that there will be a focus on reinvestment in higher education, because there has been such a disinvestment in the last biennium," Saunders said.

While students evenly split the costs of their higher education with the state in 1999, they now pay 64 percent from their own pockets.

"It seems to be a national trend," Saunders said. "States have not had the ability to support higher education as they have in the past."

Low-income students in particular are suffering from a lack of state support, Saunders said. Tuition-sticker shock and fears of borrowing keep those Oregonians away from higher education, she said.

Despite concerns about factors outside the board's control, support for the new members was cautiously optimistic.

"The OUS is looking forward to a new era of leadership in higher education," Saunders said. "Hopefully it will mean lower costs for students."

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MEASURE 30

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backlog will increase even more.

"We try not to think about it," he said.

Oregon voters will decide the fate of Measure 30 on Feb. 3. Approval of the measure will bring in $800 million to the state through a temporary tax surcharge and other tax changes, while failure of the measure will allow a $544 million budget hole to remain and force agencies across the state to slash their budgets.

If Roberts is laid off because of lack of state funding, it will be the second time in the last three years. After Measure 28 failed, she lost her job on the day of her anniversary of being hired at the lab. For one month and five days, Roberts sent out job applications, went to job interviews and waited to see if there was some way to get her job back.

"It wasn't like we could take advantage of the time off — we didn't know we were going to get hired back," Roberts said. "There was a lot of uncertainty."

She added that she likes working for the state police as a forensic scientist, but being caught in a funding yo-yo where she isn't certain she'll stay employed has been a rough experience — one she never expected to have.

"This is supposed to be a stable job," she said. "I never thought I would be laid off as a forensic scientist — it's an essential part of the judicial system."

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increase Thursday.

The PFC settled on a budget of $21,490 for the Survival Center; an increase of 12.3 percent.

The Oregon Voice, which is printed twice per term, came to its PFC budget hearing expecting little because of the state's current economic woes. The staff left the meeting pleasantly surprised after the PFC voted for an 11.4 percent increase for a budget of $9,862.

"Although it's not everything we'd like to have, we think it's reasonable, and we can prove ourselves to you guys further in the future," Oregon Voice editor in chief Ryan Bornheimer told PFC.

Other organizations that received budget increases include the Athletic Department Finance Committee, University Theater, Sexual Assault Support Services, the Multicultural Center and the Ecological Design Center.

ADFC, an organization that negotiates with the athletic department for student seating at university athletic events, received a budget of $3,005, a 1.7 percent increase.

Joseph Gilg, development director for the University Theater, touted its programming and ability to use PFC funding to provide discounted tickets to University students. PFC decided to increase the University Theater's budget to $30,750, a 3.8 percent increase.

SASS, an organization dedicated to sexual assault prevention and education, received a budget of $52,090 for an increase of 4.8 percent.

Steve Morozumi, director of the Multicultural Center, said the center is involved in developing the University's five-year diversity plan. PFC increased MCC's budget to $91,129, an increase of 7.5 percent.

The Ecological Design Center, an organization that promotes sustainable building designs, received an increase of 14.2 percent for a budget of $20,986.

PFC tabled The Outlaws' — the Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association — budget because of a scheduling miscommunication.

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