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Finance committee allocates roughly \$5 million

PFC completed budgeting allocations for the 2004-05 year, settling on a final tally that fell shy of the \$4.8 million benchmark

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has finished approving the budgets of more than 125 student groups, resulting in allocations totaling almost \$5 million. The budget appropriations constitute a slight increase from last year but fall comfortably short of PFC's benchmark.

"There's a good amount of healthy growth in here that's needed and supported by students," said ASUO Student Senate President Ben Strawn, who helped approve PFC's benchmark in November. "I think for the most part it went well."

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According to tentative numbers provided by the ASUO, PFC allocated \$4,889,127 to student groups — a 1.18 percent increase from last year — in a series of marathon budget meetings that began in January.

The allocations will fund 2004-05 budgets for student incidental fee-financed groups.

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Hooded meaning

Some of the hoods placed over meters near McArthur Court provide free parking before 4 p.m.



PARKING METERS

Parking spaces with the following hoods are OK to park in until 4 p.m.:

- **Red Hoods** (labeled "LTD")
- **Brown Hoods** (labeled "media")
- **Dark Green Hoods** (labeled "special donors")
- **Dark Blue Hoods** (labeled "visiting team's bus")

Do NOT park in spaces with:

- **White Hoods** (labeled "TV trucks")
- **Yellow Hoods** (labeled "no parking")
- **Light Blue Hoods** (labeled "disabled")

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety

By Lisa Catto
News Reporter

The dark blue ones are only used for visitors and the dark green ones require a large donation. The yellow ones aren't available and the red ones are for buses.

These are several of the meanings behind the colored hoods that cover parking meters at men's and women's basketball games. The Athletics Department pays for the hoods, and many of them allow free parking until 4 p.m. on game days.

According to Rand Stamm, Department of Public Safety parking and transportation manager, the spaces with red, brown, dark green and dark blue hoods are available for free parking until 4 p.m. The spaces with white, yellow and light blue hoods, however, are not available for parking. None of the spaces with hoods are available for parking during weekend games because game times change.

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The red hoods reserve space for Lane Transit District buses, spaces with brown hoods are for the media, spaces with

dark green hoods are reserved for special donors to the Athletics Department and the dark blue hoods retain space for the visiting team's bus.

The white hoods save space for television trucks, the yellow hoods read "No Parking" and the light blue hoods reserve space for those with disabled parking passes.

Dave Williford, assistant athletic director of media services for the Athletics Department, said that, on average, around 3,946 people attend women's basketball games and around 8,984 attend men's games.

He added that \$1,095 is spent for meter hoods at each women's basketball game. That fee pays for 73

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Proposed OUS cuts could relieve University's burden

OUS representatives met Tuesday to discuss cuts to the Chancellor's Office which could aid the University after Measure 30's failure

By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

The Oregon University System took the first step in weathering Measure 30's failure on Tuesday by proposing funding cuts to the Chancellor's Office to share the overall burden of cuts to higher education. The state legislature had predetermined areas for budget cuts in case the measure was

defeated, focusing on undergraduate education. The Chancellor's Office was originally not included in the budget cut proposals.

Members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education Executive Committee, along with OUS Chancellor Richard Jarvis and the OUS presidents, conducted a telephone conference to discuss the proposed cuts.

In an effort to absorb some of the impact of the \$7.5 million higher education cut resulting from the measure's failure, the Chancellor's Office will undergo review, and 125 employees have been notified that guarantees cannot be made for employment extension or contract renewal beyond the current

contracted date of June 30, 2004.

"It is just a way of letting people know that we're anticipating contributing to the response to Measure 30," Jarvis said. "This would initiate the process."

State Board of Higher Education President Neil Goldschmidt said the universities should not feel the full effect of the cuts on their own.

"Without it, where we would be left is that the campuses would have to take all of this burden on themselves," he said.

He said he does not yet know what percentage of cuts will be taken from the Chancellor's Office budget because the process is just beginning.

"We ought to be on the same playing field, the same circumstances as the universities were," he added.

University President Dave Frohn-mayer emphasized that the possible employee cuts are limited only to the Chancellor's Office.

"This action obviously affects only the Chancellor's Office," he said, adding that students have recently expressed concern about budget cut impacts on University faculty.

"It is limited to administration, limited to the central office, it does not extend to the campuses and does not extend to our instructional or research faculty," he said.

Committee member Donald Blair

said it also is important to note that the notification is not a finalized decision.

"This is only a preliminary heads-up and not a notice of layoffs or other specific actions," he said. "We're not far enough along to determine what the actual steps would be."

Further discussions about budget impacts will take place next week and in March. Budget cuts are expected to be implemented by May 1.

Goldschmidt said further understanding of the Chancellor's Office budget is needed to make more specific decisions.

"None of us understand enough

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