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Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation in its ongoing contract negotiations with the University.

Whether passing the resolution was against the rules is unclear, Moreno-Villamar said, and the Senate should not rely on interpretations of vague rules when dealing with issues that may be of importance to students.

"On the one hand we do not want to conflict directly — and I know there are arguments against that — with the printed notebook, but at the same time if we during the summer do not have a body that protects student interests, who's going to do it?" Moreno-Villamar asked.

The resolutions presented at the July 15 and June 24 meetings are issues that need the Senate's immediate attention, he said.

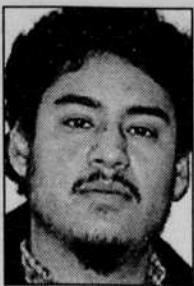
Day disagreed.

"I just don't see why breaking our rules is just, no matter what the issue is," Day said.

Day expressed many frustrations with the way the Senate handled the GTFF resolution, most notably with its inability to provide the administration with documented



Kevin Day
ASUO senator



Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar
ASUO senator

minutes upon request.

The lack of documented minutes was a result of technical difficulties with the recording microphone and not blatant irresponsibility by the Senate, Day said, but it still tarnishes the Senate's image as a competent body.

"It doesn't make us look competent in what we are doing, and if we don't look competent students are not going to trust us," Day said.

As of press time Wednesday, documented minutes for two of the three summer-session Senate meetings were unavailable.

Oregon Public Meetings Law requires that documentation of meeting minutes be made available to the public within a "reasonable time" after each meeting, which is generally considered three weeks.

"If we don't have minutes, everything we do or not is null and void," Day said.

According to Oregon Public Meeting Law, "The court may void the governing body's decision if the governing body intentionally or willfully violated the Public Meetings Law..."

ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton-Neiwert was able to provide a copy of the July 15 meeting minutes and said either Moreno-Villamar or George would know the locations of the previous meeting minutes.

Emerald attempts to contact Moreno-Villamar were unsuccessful.

George said in a phone interview he wasn't sure whether Moreno-Villamar had completed the documentation for the June 24 and July 8 meetings, adding that he did the minutes for the July 15 meeting.

"I'm not sure whether he's done it or if I'm going to have to do it again," George said.

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released by FTC Chairman Timothy J. Muris Monday.

"I am not aware of any instance in which the Federal Trade Commission has investigated the slogan of a news organization," the statement read. "There is no way to evaluate this petition without evaluating the content of the news at issue. That is a task the First Amendment leaves to the American people, not a governing agency."

On campus, several students voiced the opinion that false claims by any news media organization should be strictly curtailed through regulation.

"I think they should restrict all broadcast and cable news from making any false claims," said Tracey Beck, who recently graduated from the University with a degree in German.

Kristin Gheen, a sophomore education major, agrees, but said she thinks each news channel should be evaluated for false claims on an individual basis.

Youm disagrees.

"The First Amendment doesn't guarantee a fair press, just a free press," Youm said. "Freedom of speech is a calculated risk."

Michael A. Booth is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

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7 p.m. Friday. Dobson will also offer a free public talk called "Reach for the Stars."

University researcher LiLi Weldon, Dobson's current host in Eugene, joins him on his outings to make his telescope available to the public.

"It's fun to see," Weldon said. "Most people are so thankful, most have never seen Jupiter like that before."

Although astronomy is Dobson's passion, he started out on a different path. Dobson graduated with a degree in chemistry from University of California, Berkeley and joined a monastery. He built his first telescope in the monastery in 1967. He made telescopes out of cardboard, wood, and glass from the bottoms of five-gallon jugs. He also used a 12-inch ship portal to make a larger telescope.

"When I saw the 12-incher, I thought, 'My God, everyone must see this,'" Dobson said.

He said he hauled his telescopes 80,000 miles in public service, sharing it with America.

"I hauled it through national parks, the reservations, the state parks, over the continental divide, up to Canada and down to Mexico," Dobson said.

The idea has since spread all over the planet, he said.

Dobson said he thought up the Sidewalk Astronomers in 1968 after he helped a nine-year-old boy make a telescope bigger than anyone else in San Francisco. The boy was five years too young to join the San Francisco Astronomers, and wanted someone to talk about astronomy and telescopes with, so he formed the club with Dobson and a third member.

"When the amateurs were still running around with their little

telescopes, we were running through national parks with telescopes built 24 inches across the glass," said Dobson.

Dobson is credited with inventing the Dobsonian mount, which Dobson describes as "similar to a cannon." His namesake mount swivels around with the touch of a hand, and does not track across the sky, making it much simpler and less expensive.

"I made a 24-inch telescope for \$300," Dobson said. "You can't even buy one of those little ones for \$300."

Dobson said that now even professionals use the Dobsonian mount because professional researchers have computers that are able to track the sky for them.

"Half of the telescopes on the planet have my name attached to it," Dobson said.

Dobson is proud of the large telescopes he builds.

"Newton and Galileo never made

a telescope worth looking through," Dobson said. "At least Dobson made a telescope worth sleeping in."

Dobson said he has slept in two of his telescopes. The 12-inch sleeps two people and three have slept in the 24-inch.

Eliassen said Dobson's telescopes have revolutionized amateur astronomy.

"(Because of Dobson) you can see amateurs with 30- to 40-inch telescopes that rival the ones in the observatories," Eliassen said.

Dobson also teaches a cosmology class twice a week at Weldon's house, discussing theories of the universe and refuting the widely accepted big bang theory.

"I'm allergic to the big bang," Dobson said. Dobson explained that the big bang model does not have the big bang taking place in space and time. Dobson's theory revolves around a

"changeling, infinite and undivided universe" and recycling model involving hydrogen. Dobson said the big bang theory did not account for hydrogen.

"My replacement [of the big bang] sticks to the observations," Dobson said. "The big bang people have to include new physics to make their model run."

Dobson has written a science fiction book about a girl who knows her physics.

"So far as I can tell, none of her physics is fictional," Dobson said, explaining that the character's views on physics reflect his own.

Dobson believes building your own telescope will take you places.

"It takes a long time to make a Mercedes, and it'll only get you to the Grand Canyon," Dobson said. "You can make a telescope in about a week and it'll get you to the moon."

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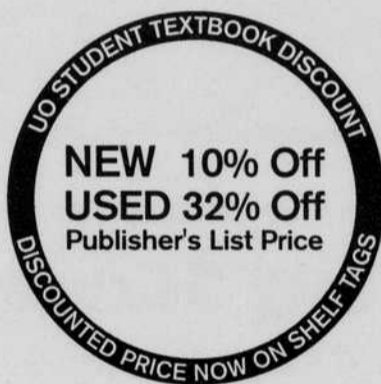
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