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IN BRIEF

Library requests incidental fees for extended hours

Student Senators informally debated the merits of helping fund extended hours of operation during Dead Week and Finals Week at the Knight Library after a request by a library official on Wednesday.

University Librarian Deborah Carver asked for \$4,000 to help pay for three security guards needed to secure the library when it is open 24 hours from Wednesday of Dead Week until the end of Finals Week, Senator Sarah Wells said.

Senators raised several concerns about the validity of using incidental fees to pay for library services, eventually deciding to form a committee to address the issue.

Also at the meeting, Senate Ombudsman Stephanie Erickson said a student had filed a grievance Wednesday over content from the Oregon Commentator's last issue. In a controversial decision, the Programs Finance Committee denied the Commentator's mission and goals at a hearing in December. Erickson said she will work with Senate President James George, the Commentator and the unidentified student who filed the grievance to resolve the matter.

— Parker Howell

New neighborhood board members learn ropes

The West University Neighbors will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church at the corner of 15th Avenue and Patterson Street to discuss, among other things, the removal of trees in the neighborhood, the need to re-open the neighborhood park and the recent passing of enforceable housing standards by the Eugene City Council.

Newly elected board members Adam Walsh, Kellyn Gross and Don Goldman met with chairman Drix Rixmann, board secretary Deborah Healy and Eugene Neighborhood Liaison Steve Norris Wednesday night to verse themselves in the association's rules and proceedings and set the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Board members Steve Jarvis, Chris Parsons, Craig Laupheimer and Ayal Alves could not attend.

"You're now making a change from 'you and I' to a 'them,'" Rixmann told the new board members. "You're a 'them' now."

Norris told the board members that neighborhood associations have the ability to be powerful forces in city politics.

"Neighborhood associations are not just a place to air grievances," Norris said. "You can really get a lot accomplished."

Walsh said it is crucial to the association's success that students get involved.

If more students get involved, "we can have one of the more powerful associations in the city," Walsh said.

— Meghann M. Cuniff

ASUO: Self-punishment process nearing its end

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Strauss said the ASUO doesn't have an official history with University Day, noting that ASUO members' participation in the event "would be above and beyond."

Officials plan to create a committee to provide guidance for future retreats, an idea discussed among different branches of student government in winter and spring 2004 but never enacted.

The "dos and don'ts" video will be for all student groups who will go on future retreats as well. Loschiavo said the committee and video will benefit all students by preventing future problems at retreats.

Strauss said the group will probably still require additional office hours for student leaders who attended the retreat. He said the extra hours are designed to prove to students that ASUO officials are serious about resolving retreat issues and are serious about their positions.

Strauss said student leaders will meet today to create a concrete plan for carrying out the punishments.

Loschiavo said he will oversee the group as it completes its punishment, which he hopes will be completed by the end of the academic year.

Student leaders committed the violations almost three months ago, but Loschiavo said the ASUO took "more or less" the typical amount of time for a group to create its

punishment, noting that some groups have more experience with the disciplinary process than others. He said the ASUO has never been punished in this way, so group members did not know what to expect. Loschiavo added that many branches of the student government were involved, so members had to coordinate with one another.

Loschiavo said he tried not to propose punishments for the ASUO leaders and instead allowed them to create ideas to help them learn from their mistakes.

"It's never easy to come up with a punishment for yourself," he said.

Loschiavo commended the group for initially coming forward and admitting its wrongdoings.

"Overall, I was very happy with the approach the ASUO took in addressing this matter," he said. "I think we'll look back and say this is how self-government is supposed to work."

George said he's looking forward to progressing with the ASUO's plan as the new term starts.

"Thus far, I'm glad we've come to a point where we have some direct goals," George said.

Strauss said the punishment process is nearing its end.

"I basically feel like we are on the verge of getting this closed," he said.

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