EMU: Board members grapple with growth

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Services, the UO Ticket Office, the EMU Craft Center, the UO Cultural Forum and several Club Sports teams.

During the meeting, board member Gabe Shaughnessy expressed concerns that the last budgets to be discussed received unequal treatment because some committee members had said the board had already approved lots of growth.

But Clark told the Emerald that while at the beginning it seemed as if some members "weren't voting off their priority lists," the process was fair.

"I don't think that that was a problem," she said. "I think everyone pretty much stuck to their prioritized lists and tried to give growth to programs they felt would better serve students."

Clark said she didn't expect problems when seeking approval of the budget from the full board because board members have communicated openly.

"In past years, I know that we always thought there would maybe be a little more talk at full the board than there actually was," she said. "I think we'll hopefully have a really good dialogue about our budget to make sure it's the correct budget to send to Senate."

During the Senate meeting Wednesday, Senator Jack Crocifisso urged the Senate to extend the board's deadline for submitting its final budget by several hours, saying the full board meeting will be a "circus."

Zlatek said the process of approving the budget before the full board will depend on what questions the board has.

"I don't think it will be a circus," she said.

Clark said she hasn't talked to many senators about their thoughts about the budget, noting that senators shouldn't be surprised the budget proposal includes growth.

"I'm not sure how people are going to respond to that," she said. "I just think we're going to have to go with good reasons as to how this helps students and how growth items are a good use of the incidental fee."

Zlatek said the committee approved growth that is "vital" to keep programs going and improve their services to students.

"It's not growth that is unnecessary," she said.

Clark said the budget process was successful.

"I think we were responsible this year with using the incidental fee and trying to keep the fee down for students," she said.

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Chemistry: Guenza researches protein folding, cancer treatment

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In the past, some researchers have done numerical calculations after the fact to understand the properties of chemicals they work with. Guenza's work is unique because she used a theoretical approach to come up with a formula usable with multiple molecules.

"I was able to derive an analytical solution," Guenza said. "What people have been doing up to now is writing down results from what they had already."

Another application of Guenza's research is understanding protein folding in the human body as it relates to treating cancer.

"You want to know how these big

molecules fold together inside the human body," she explained.

Chemistry graduate student Esther Caballero-Manrique, who works with biological polymers in Guenza's lab, said their cancer research actually uses proteins from bacteria.

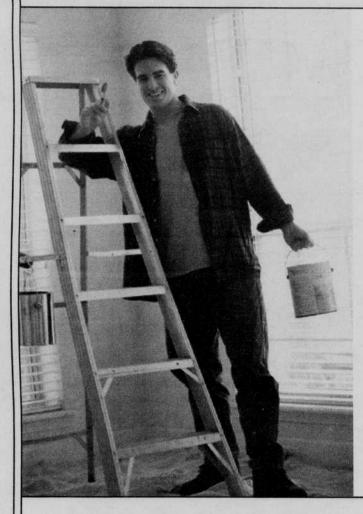
"The dynamics are similar, but if we can understand how this works, we can understand research of cancer," Caballero-Manrique said. "Very, very interesting experimental results are coming out every day, and we need to understand these big models," Guenza said.

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