EMU Board grants funding increases for several groups

The board also delayed hearings for programs requesting additional funds because of an accounting error

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Despite initial projections that it would need to cut services, the EMU Board of Directors budget committee approved funding increases for several programs on Wednesday.

If approved by the full board next week, the growth would increase the total budget for EMU programs by 3.76 percent, or \$30,187, a figure below the 7 percent benchmark approved for the board by the ASUO Student Senate. The budget calls for EMU program expenditures of about \$3.7 million next year.

The committee postponed hearings for programs whose budgets included growth requests because of an accounting error. EMU officials originally predicted they would need an approximately 9.2 percent increase to maintain current service levels, board member Aryn Clark said. Yet later calculations showed the program would only need about a 2.9 percent increase to keep its services intact, she said.

Clark said the first model included

money for EMU building reserves, a large item removed from the budget

several years ago. Budget Committee Chairwoman Heidi Zlatek said the board could not return to the Senate for a different budget after it discovered the error because the deadline had passed for adjustments. But she said communication between board members and senators alleviated the need for a new official benchmark.

Clark said the committee reviewed each program's budget individually to gain an understanding of the budgets before allocating growth "so that we treated all budgets fairly.'

Committee members came to the Wednesday growth meeting with prioritized lists stating which programs they believed should receive growth, Zlatek said.

Zlatek said the board asked groups to identify potential revenue-generating areas in their budgets, as well as areas to cut.

She said groups kept those areas in their budgets after the board lowered

its benchmark projection.

Zlatek added that committee members met with representatives of the programs requesting growth on Tuesday before forming their priority lists for Wednesday.

ASUO Vice President Mena Ravassipour delivered the executive recommendation, suggesting the committee pass a current service-level budget including funding for the EMU Information Center and a half-time or threefourths-time daytime custodian, according to minutes from the meeting.

The committee voted 4-3 to approve \$11,700 for EMU Facilities to hire additional custodial help. The EMU currently has 7.6 nighttime custodians and no daytime custodians, Zlatek said.

It also voted to grant \$10,948 for the Child Care and Development Centers, \$5,355 to extend the EMU Club Sports director's pay to cover an additional two months of work per year and \$1,484 for the EMU Administration. The committee approved \$500 for the Outdoor Program for its new student orientation and \$200 for the EMU Board vice chair stipend for next year as well.

The committee did not allocate increases to UO Scheduling and Events EMU, page 12

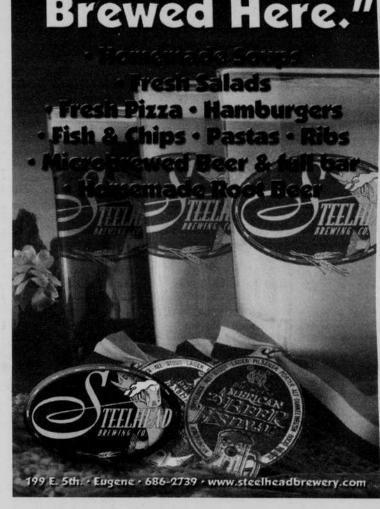


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Monologues: Performers prepare for show

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were nominated, they read through the monologues and picked the roles they would most like to perform.

"After picking roles, we were given worksheets to fill out about the women we were portraying," Rabago said. "We had to think about stuff like her name, her education, her sexuality and the different activities she did."

'We have to remember that they aren't our stories, they are someone else's," said high school student Cory Kirshner-Lira, who is also participating in the show.

The performance is a series of monologues and group tag-team approaches to other roles. At a rehearsal Wednesday, three women practiced the "wear and say list" with a variety of responses. At the end of the "say list," the monologue ended with "more! more! more!" as the woman arched her back

and ran her hands through her hair. The performance was met with laughter and applause, and as the lights came back on, a cast member exclaimed: "She has sex-hair!"

"After each monologue, there is spontaneous applause and a feeling of 'you go, girl; you did great,'" cast member and Vice President of Student Affairs Anne Leavitt said.

English and women's and gender studies instructor Ann Ciasullo was nominated for a role in "The Vagina Monologues" by a student and is performing "My Angry Vagina." Her monologue is about a woman who is "pissed off at the way we treat our vaginas," Ciasullo said. "It's about tampons and gynecologists, and there is a lot of swearing.

Ciasullo chose to participate in the monologues because of the direct cor-

relation to the subjects she teaches. "It's educational and empowering,"

Ciasullo said. "It's funny and moving, and both men and women could learn a lot about women by seeing it."

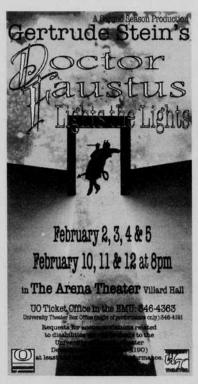
Other women chose to be in the monologues because of the awareness the production raises for women's issues

Senior Margaux DeRoux came back from studying in France and was told about the nominations by a friend.

'I didn't really have expectations. ... The more I know about it, the more excited I get," DeRoux said. "It forces you to be honest with yourself and women's place in the world.'

The monologues open Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Agate Auditorium. The show will also be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for the public. Tickets are available at the University Ticket Office.

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