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Open House to review the
Updated Campus Plan

**Tuesday, March 1 from 11:30 to 1:30
 EMU Concourse**

Drop by to learn about proposed changes to the Campus Plan and give us your input.

There also will be a public hearing before the Campus Planning Committee on April 12 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Rogue Room.

For more information contact the University Planning Office at 346-5562 or go on-line: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~uplan> ("Campus Plan Update" link).

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What's your vice?

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Call for Nominations Faculty Distinguished Teaching Awards

Nominations due: MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2005

Faculty, staff, students, and alumni are invited to nominate any current faculty members appointed at .50 FTE or greater, tenure or non-tenure related, who have taught at the University of Oregon for a minimum of two (2) years for distinguished teaching awards. The *Ersted Award* and *Thomas F. Herman Award* for distinguished teaching are presented annually to award winners at Spring Commencement. Each award is accompanied by a recurring monetary reward for the recipients. (Please note: Graduate Teaching Fellows have their own competition and are ineligible for these teaching awards.)

Eligibility for Awards

Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching

The late Mr. A. J. Ersted established the *Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching* so the University of Oregon could annually honor faculty members "who have taught comparatively short periods and have demonstrated exceptional abilities to induce students to reason and not merely memorize." The Ersted Award is presented only to faculty who are early in their teaching careers (and who have taught at the UO at least two years). This teaching may occur at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Thomas F. Herman Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching

This award honors senior faculty members who have achieved outstanding records as teachers. The *Thomas F. Herman Award* is presented only to faculty members who have had academic rank at the University of Oregon for at least seven years, and who have demonstrated long-standing excellence in teaching and have contributed significantly to student learning at the undergraduate or graduate level.

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS online at <http://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/Awards/Nomination.html>. Names of nominees and the eventual award winners are kept confidential until announced by President Frohnmayer in mid-May. See <http://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/Awards/pastwinners.pdf> for a list of previous award winners. For questions or more information, contact Gwen Steigelman, Academic Affairs, at gwen@uoregon.edu.

Money: Administrators form committee to address issue

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to improve the program in Portland. Nelson said students have paid thousands of dollars "for nothing." "This is huge," she said.

Out of ASUO's hands

ASUO officials said they haven't had much to report to PSAC because the situation has moved beyond the hands of student government.

"We've been in contact with a variety of different people," Ravasipour said. "It's something that's moved more toward an administrative-type thing being handled by administrators. We've been providing them with information."

ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton-Neiwert said administrators are looking at fees after concerns from students.

"It's almost a bigger question that's being posed that's not necessarily from PSAC in general, but sort of as an institution's perspective looking at who pays the fee and at what levels students or individuals pay the fee," she said. "There's very many different groups of students wondering where they fall on the assessment level."

She said the administration may need to provide alternative services or lower fees to out-of-town students.

"I know it's an issue," she said. "We certainly care if students aren't receiving a full benefit for what they pay for. Anytime you have a group of students that can't receive full benefits to the institution or to what they pay with in fees, that's definitely a red flag and brings up concerns. What is it we need to provide for them, because this current system is not necessarily working 100 percent in their favor."

She added that she is seeking a long-term solution to the fee problem.

"Part of the problem, at least on my end, was that I didn't have anything to update them on," she said. "I'm just as frustrated ... as they are, as it's a little out of our hands. I guess we could turn around and negotiate services, in a sense, for them this year, but I'm looking more for a long-term solution. I don't want a short-term fix-it for a year and then lose the continuity. And I think that's more of the question."

A committee is formed

The committee of administrators, which formed at the request of Vice President for Academic Affairs Lorraine Davis, may not recommend changes for next year, committee member and Vice President for Student Affairs Anne Leavitt said.

"We have groups saying, 'You've got to look at this,' but I don't know that we will," Leavitt said.

Leavitt — who said PSAC representatives, Oregon Marine Students Association representatives, summer students, community education and part-time students have all expressed concerns about fees — said the committee is working to understand fees and understand the groups that want changes.

Leavitt said students have voiced their concerns to administrators.

"I think they've done what they can do," she said.

Although neither PSAC nor OMSA is officially asking to be exempted from fees, Leavitt said, excluding some students from paying certain fees could be disastrous, ending the concept of "universal payment" that keeps fees low by requiring all students to contribute equally. If students were to opt out of paying fees for certain items, the cost of the items would rise for everyone else who used them.

"If you approved (exceptions) for everyone, the whole structure would collapse," Leavitt said. "I really like to see them as mandatory. Mandatory payment keeps services available to everyone for a low cost."

Leavitt also said mandatory fees are covered by financial aid packages, whereas optional fees would not be.

Committee chair and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Terri Warpinski said in an e-mail interview that the group will make a recommendation to Davis by the end of the year.

She said it is "too early to forecast what the recommendation might be."

Warpinski said the key issues before the committee "seem to pertain to how fees are assessed for non-matriculated students (those taking eight credits or less and who have not been formally admitted to the University) and how fees are assessed to students who are in programs that are not on campus."

She added that the committee will seek to clarify the fee policy.

"I believe that we need to be sure that we have consistent policies — which is not to suggest that we don't, but we do not have a clear articulation of the policy that is readily available," she said.

She also said the committee will meet again before the end of the term at a yet-to-be-determined date.

Leavitt said the group has met twice and hasn't made a decision on exactly how to proceed.

"We're kind of on a slow path," she said. "It's taken a long time to sort out fees — why some are prorated and others aren't."

She said she didn't expect any drastic changes.

"I think we're going to affirm fees as we've always done them," she said.

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