

## IN BRIEF

**Student Senate ratifies PFC budget, finally**

After weeks of delay and controversy over pay cuts for some student leaders, the ASUO Student Senate took less than 15 minutes to approve the final budget for the committee that allocates student money during a meeting Monday night.

The Senate voted 11-2-2 to pass a \$5,231,949 budget for the Programs Finance Committee, a 7 percent increase from last year. Last week, Senators rejected the PFC's budget because of concerns from student leaders that pay cuts unfairly affected some student groups.

The finalized budget taps about \$7,800 of unallocated reserves to

provide one paid position each for eight groups that were initially slated to lose all stipend positions. The budget also increases monthly pay for the ASUO president and vice president from \$175 to \$400.

The budget includes a note recommending that next year's Senate use over-realized funds and other reserves to provide additional stipends for groups and create a "relief committee" by April 30 to oversee the allocation of those funds.

Also at the meeting, the Senate recalled and altered the EMU Board of Directors' budget to reflect pay changes resulting from the finalized PFC budget.

— Parker Howell

## Legislature: Tuition freeze is subject to state's tax reform

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what's going to get money to where it's most needed."

Legislators attempted to appeal to the concerns of both students and other taxpayers.

Rep. Sal Esquivel, R-Medford, said the state cannot continue raising tuition, but he isn't convinced that a freeze is possible in Oregon's current budget situation.

"(The freeze is) nice and warm and fuzzy, but the reality is this: Until the state can stabilize its funding, and I mean a tax reform, we will not be able to stabilize monies for the universities, for higher ed."

Esquivel added that the plan to fund K-12 education pitched by House Speaker Karen Minnis, R-Wood Village, could be adapted to higher education as well.

Senate Democrats adopted and

overall revenue forecast in March that was about \$300 million higher than Republicans' forecast and pitched a budget supporting a tuition freeze.

"We've been talking about that in our caucus because a tuition freeze really goes across the board," Sen. Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, said. "It benefits those students who can afford to go to school, and so we're having the discussion: Should we put it all into the Oregon Opportunity Grant, which really targets the kids that need the money, or do we do a tuition freeze, or both? I think we're looking at a combination of both."

Petkun said he hopes the legislature can at least compromise to assist students.

"If worst comes to worst, we'll meet in the middle, and students will be better off for that."

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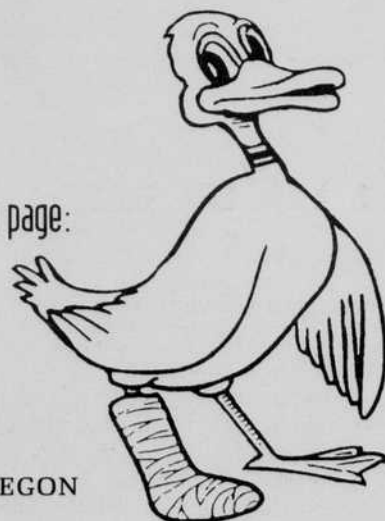
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