

Funding freeze causes Faculty Senate concerns

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The Faculty Senate last Thursday focused on College funding and the effect of the new expenditure limitations recently decreed by College administration.

The expenditure limitations, effective February 17, will save the College "at least \$100,000 in each of the four months left in the fiscal year" according to a memo from the College President John Hakanson.

The memo said the limitations are in preparation for further legislative cuts expected since additional deficits were discovered by the legislature.

Expenditures of all kinds will be stopped, unless necessary for the daily operation of the College, the memo stated. The limitations include equipment purchases, staff development and out-of-state travel expenditures, and expenditures made from the capital projects fund.

The limitation measures also include a freeze on campus hiring and increasing the minimum class size from 12 to 15 students. The in-service day for faculty held just before the beginning of spring term will also be canceled. Exceptions to

these measures can be made only with approval of the appropriate dean and the College President.

At the meeting Bill Ryan, administrative dean of college services and Jim Painter, personnel officer, talked with faculty about ways to increase the number of paying full-time equivalency students (FTE).

An increase in FTE would increase tuition income providing some relief for the tight college budget. Although the College no longer gets staff funds for all FTE, an increase in the number of students would give the College more political leverage in future dealings with the state, Ryan said.

There was concern voiced at the meeting that the new 15 student minimum would cause a "whiplash effect." In other words, students who have a class canceled because of the new minimum would drop other classes and FTE funds would be lost.

Cynthia Pucci, College reading instructor and faculty association secretary, said when a full-time instructor has their class canceled for a term due to low enrollment they often wind up doing "make work jobs."

Les Tipton, president of the faculty association com-

mented after the meeting, "why should a full-time instructor with a class load of 12 or 13 students spend all their time doing preparatory work when their prime goal is teaching."

Pucci said, if programs were to be cut due to budgeting problems, these cuts should not be made across the board. "Each program should be considered on an individual basis," Pucci said. "Some programs have outlived their usefulness and are expensive to continue."

Faculty member, Tom Richards, chairperson of the English department said, "I realize that the College is having financial problems but it's hard to convince many faculty members of this when new administrators are hired."

James Streeter, Mathematics chairperson, noted that a new administrator, financial aid officer Scott Fischer, was hired 10 days after the freeze on hiring was announced. Streeter said that Fischer's salary of \$27,708 a year could have funded "30 or 40 more classes" that would have attracted more FTE. "A 3-hour class costs about \$650 a term for instruction."

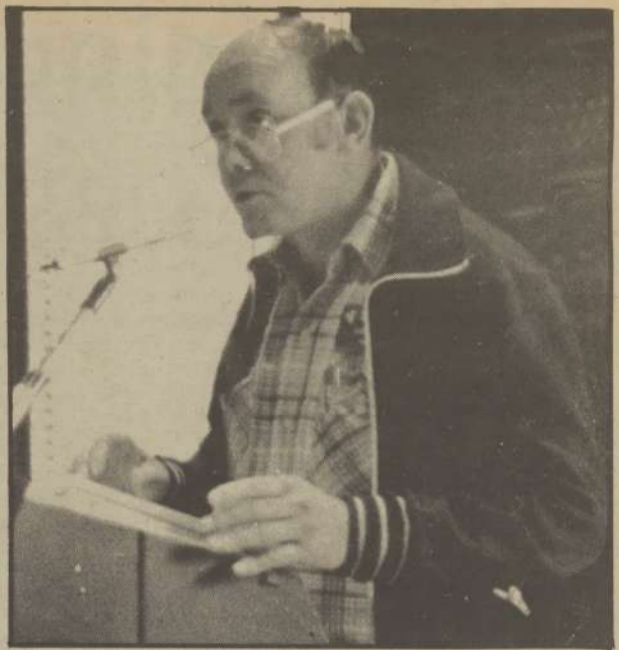
"The hiring of the new administrator," Tipton said, "has caused reaction among faculty members ranging from disappointment to some faculty being downright irate."

Tipton said there was no need for the position to be filled since it was being covered sufficiently by existing college personnel.

"There isn't that much financial aid going around right now in the first place," Tipton said.

The faculty association has sent editorials objecting to the hiring to **The Enterprise Courier** and **The Oregon Journal**.

Tipton said the faculty objections were not a personal attack on the new financial aid officer. Tipton said that Fischer was qualified for the position.



Staff photo by Duane Hiersche
ASG PRESIDENT SAM Crosby cast the only dissenting vote concerning the CCOSAC budget.

Crosby votes nay on CCOSAC budget

By J. Dana Haynes
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Associated Student Government President Sam Crosby cast the only dissenting vote for the 1982-83 Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Committee budget.

The budget was approved by a vote of 12 to 1 at last Saturday's CCOSAC meeting, which was held at the College. The meetings are held once per term at a different location. The presidents of the 1982-83 student governments will also have to approve this budget next year.

The portion of the proposed budget that Crosby objected to is a clause that will set aside money to help with any further lobbying in Salem. This year, CCOSAC representatives have spent their own money to work with the legislation and the Oregon Community Colleges Association (OCCA) lobbyist.

"I am in support of money being set aside to support our OCCA representatives," Crosby said, "However, no one knows where this money will come from. If the legislature doesn't cut our budgets, then everything will be fine. But that's a big 'if'."

Another complaint is the wording of the clause. "It's ambiguous. I don't feel we can pass a budget without knowing what the money will be used for exactly," he said.

During the special session of congress this year, several CCOSAC members, including Crosby, Prouty and Activities Director Dick Edwards, spent time in Salem attending meetings. Their transportation was paid for by CCOSAC and a house was provided free of charge by Bob McPeak, president of Chemeketa Community College's student government. All other costs, including food, were paid for by each individual.

Crosby also had misgivings as to the use of the money. "We've got to find out the legalities of using county funds to work with our OCCA representative. Also, the money may not be used in a way that fairly represents the student body."

Crosby was quick to point out that his arguments were with the one clause, and not with the board of Presidents. "We have a very conscientious group this year," he said, "We all want to make sure it's legal, but the other presidents felt that this was the best move."

"I come from big business," he continued, "You can always add to a budget, but you'd better have the money around to do that. Right now, no one knows how much we'll have next year. The legislature isn't done yet, and I don't think we have enough information to pass the CCOSAC budget at this time."

Correction

In the article, "Foundation in danger of losing exempt status," (Feb. 17), **The Print** incorrectly named William Anton, the current College Foundation executive director, as being involved with the Foundation at the time of four College levy elections held in 1977-78.

In fact, Anton did not become an employee of the College until Sept. 1978.

The Print also misrepresented an issue involving the Internal Revenue Service audit of the Foundation conducted in a period from Nov. 1, 1976 through Oct. 31, 1978.

According to the IRS auditor's report, the Foundation allegedly was "substantially involved in political activity" during the elections of 1977-78. **The Print** mistakenly inferred that College personnel or funds were used in the elections. In fact, the elections are totally funded by donation.

College officials submit that the Foundation served as a "banker" for election donations collected by a citizen's election steering committee. The College, however, contends that this role did not constitute substantial involvement on the part of the Foundation.



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