

ASG constitution changes approved by wide margin

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By a 70 to 17 vote, the student body passed the proposed Constitutional revisions, which will reduce the number of Associated Student Government members by half starting in the 1982-83 school year.

"Of course we were hoping for more voters," said Senate Liaison Officer John Shafer. "We were displeased by the poor turnout." Voting took place April 8-9, in the community center. More than 80 percent of those who did turn out to vote, favored the change. "It (the turnout) didn't surprise me," said Student Program Specialist Dave Buckley. Buckley advised the Revision Committee, comprised of assistant to the president Joe Schweizer, vice president Suzy Ryan, and senator Emma Nelson.

The basic purpose of the bill was to cut the size of the ASG, which would, in turn, cut the cost of running the organization in half.

The revisions also change the number of elected ASG members to two (President and Vice-President). All other officers and senators will be selected by committee of five at the beginning of the year.

"By changing the constitution to its present recommendations, fewer students will be in government (15 compared to the current 27) but the selection process should insure the best motivated people will represent the students.

ASG president Sam Crosby said, "I think people saw the waste in student government," Crosby said, concerning the election results.

"Those who were in favor of it did enough talking to convince people to vote in favor," Buckley said. According to Shafer, the changes will definitely help next year's government.

As of next year, the business manager and secretary positions, which were previously elected, will be terminated. The vice president will take the business manager's duties, and the secretary's activities will be the task of the administrative assistant.

Those students wishing to fill the two remaining officer positions (assistant to the president and activities director) and ten senatorial positions will be selected by a committee composed of the two elected ASG officers, two non-ASG students, and one ASG staff member. Their selection will be based on interviews concerning their skills and eventual goals in ASG.

According to the requirements, a senator is required to take part in at least five hours of ASG activities. "We need people who can use the time to work for all the students," Crosby said.

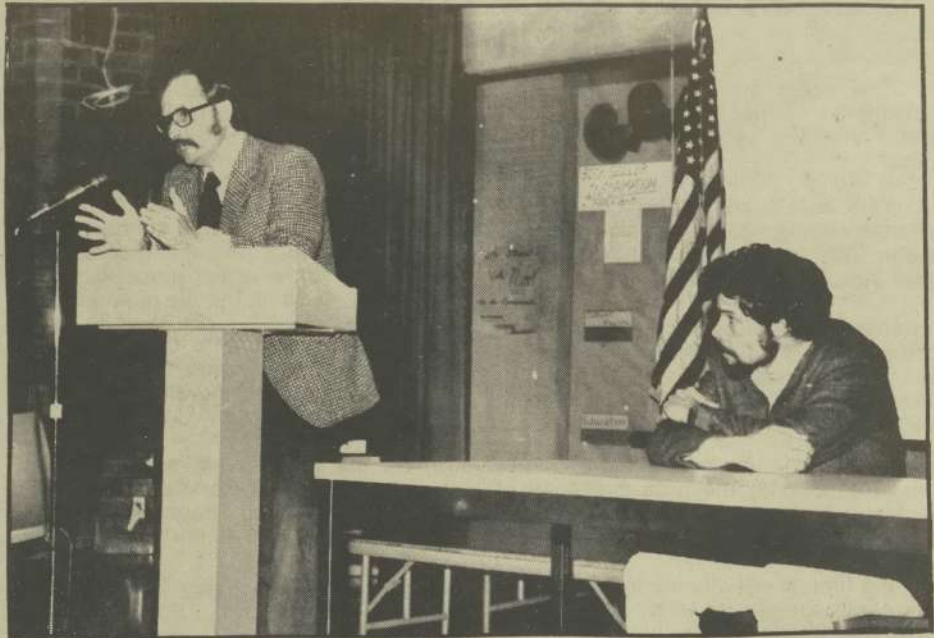
These amendments were initially presented to the ASG by the Revision committee at the March 11 meeting. At that meeting, the student government passed the resolution by an 11-5 margin, which sent it to the students for the landslide approval.

Kulongoski to speak

Ted Kulongoski, Democratic candidate for governor, will be on campus to speak today at 3 p.m.

The speech will be made in the Barlow Boardroom, and will focus on his campaign for Governor. A cornerstone of his campaign has been to "stop throwing billions of dollars down nuclear black holes like WPPSS and focus on getting Oregon's small businesses back on their feet."

These comments were made during a recent speaking tour through Eastern Oregon.



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EL SALVADORAN ISSUE discussed last Wednesday by Jim Stephens and Marv Dunn.

'Central American Update' gives insight into problems

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Economic historian, anthropologist, and author of several books on El Salvador, James Stephens was the featured speaker at a "Central American Update" presentation held at the College last Wednesday. Stephens gave his views on U.S. involvement in

El Salvador and the recent Salvadoran elections.

Marv Dunn, assistant professor of sociology at Lewis and Clark College also gave a lecture on the role of the Catholic Church in El Salvador.

The "Central American Update" was sponsored by the College's International Club and a host of organizations outside the College. Included in the presentation were lectures on Central America and a free film showing of the 1982 Academy Award Nominee, "El Salvador: Another Vietnam."

Dunn opened the evening program by explaining why the church has been violently repressed by the Salvadoran Army. Dunn has traveled extensively in Central America where he studied the role of the church.

The church is seen as a threat to the government, Dunn said, "because Christian communities have organized around social issues and opposed the class structure." Therefore, the church has been

accused by the Salvadoran government of practicing "liberation theology," Dunn said.

Dunn said that some religious leaders are supporting the guerillas because they feel that non-violent methods for changing society in El Salvador are futile. When these priests are killed by government forces, they become martyrs, Dunn said.

"The changes made through the ballot box were null," Stephens said of the recent Salvadoran elections. Stephens lived in Central America for 10 years and studied peasant conflicts.

"The elections that were held have done nothing," Stephens said, "except make it more imperative for a peaceful settlement." A military victory for either side, he said, is "extremely unlikely." He criticized the Reagan Administration "for doing nothing but strengthening the military." Political

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