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ASG President Metzker resigns

Search for vice president begins

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Associated Student Government (ASG) President Jenny Metzker resigned from office Wednesday, Jan. 9, just a day before the ASG senate voted to remove her from office, although her fate was apparent much earlier.

Metzker's ouster came as a result of her failing to meet the spring 1984 ASG academic requirements of completing 6 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0. She served as president the entire fall term even though she was constitutionally unqualified to do so as early as Oct. 13.

Metzker did not inform Student Programs Specialist and ASG advisor David Buckley that she was having trouble with spring 1984 grades. Because Director of Student Activities Debbie Baker did not check the spring transcripts of the newly-elected ASG officials, the problem went undetected until grades were posted for fall

term 1984, Baker said.

"That was probably my screw-up," Baker said. "Checking academic requirements at the end of spring term is something I have never had to do before. There are so few people involved that everyone just kind of takes it for granted that the grades are there. But not anymore," she added.

The ASG Constitution provides that "ASG members shall complete all academic requirements within the term for which they are registered. In the case of extreme circumstances, an ASG member may appeal for a three-week period of leniency to be determined by the ASG Senate."

Metzker did not appeal for leniency, and so was voted out of office by the senate last Thursday at their regularly scheduled meeting. The vote was 12 in favor, none opposed and two abstentions.

Metzker has been unavailable for comment for *The Print*. The ASG office

reported that Metzker has no phone and is not currently attending classes. She is also in the process of moving, Buckley added.

Baker noted that Metzker was familiar with the academic appeals process, since she was granted an appeal to finish some classwork for the winter 1984 term. She met the constitutional requirements for that term and continued to serve in ASG last spring.

Shawnee Christensen, the new ASG president and Metzker's close friend, said she did not know why Metzker kept quiet about her academic problems. Baker had no comment.

Baker did say that because the constitution requires an ASG member to be "currently enrolled" or "taking" a minimum of 6 credit hours instead of "having completed" them, there is a chance that someone could serve in ASG without actually receiving any credit hours.

She added a constitution revision committee is being appointed to make changes,



Jenny Metzker

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assuring that ASG members are required to finish their courses.

The ASG is now in the process of filling the vacancy of vice president, which was opened up due to the constitutionally-mandated promotion of Shawnee Christensen to the office of president.

Anyone is able to apply for

that position, Christensen said, including senators. If a senator is chosen to move into the vice president's chair, then the new applicant would be offered a senatorship to fill that vacancy.

Applications for those interested in the position can be picked up at the Student Activities Office. The closing date for applications is Jan. 24.

Board determines committee composition

By Shelley Ball
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Clackamas Community College's Board of Directors took a step closer to selecting a new president when it recently approved the composition of the screening committee. The proposal is similar to one made earlier by search consultant Pat Fitzwater.

A total of 13 members will serve on the committee: one representative each from the administrative, supervisory and student groups, two from the faculty and classified, five from the community and one official Board member. The committee will aid the Board in selecting candidates for the next college president.

The College's Board decided the committee's makeup at its Dec. 12 meeting (it had erroneously been reported as Dec. 5 in *The Print*). Last Wednesday, Jan. 9, the Board

recognized the names of the committee members chosen by each individual group.

The five community members are Ned Ginter from Tektronix, former Board member Anne Nickel, George Ormsby from the College's Occupational and Career Advisory Council, Auto Dealer Steve Gattuccio and former Board member Charyl Fuller, who had to resign recently because she was serving in the wrong zone. Fuller expressed an interest in serving on the screening committee, so the Board agreed to let her serve as one of the community representatives.

Harold Washam will serve on the committee as the official Board member, followed by Jim Lee and Glenn Ferris, faculty representatives; Sue Jacobs and Kevin Forney, classified representatives; and Neil

Williams will serve from the supervisory group.

As of press time the Associated Student Government (ASG) chose Activities Director Kay Brant to represent the students on the committee. A representative from the administrative group is expected to be chosen in the next week.

Fitzwater's original draft for the screening committee was composed of 11 members, one each from the faculty, administration, classified, student and supervisory and six professionals from business and education.

However, disagreements over this composition were expressed by the faculty, administration, classified and student groups, and as a result each group drafted proposals for revising the committee and submitted them to the Board.

The faculty, along with administration, student and classified groups, had suggested to the Board the screening committee be involved in interviewing candidates for the presidency. Fitzwater explained to the Board at the Dec. 12 meeting, however, that the responsibility of interviewing and recommending finalists to the Board should not be delegated to the committee because the committee itself could not be held responsible for making a mistake, but the Board's members could be.

She added the Board would be in a "no-win" situation should they not approve of any of the candidates recommended by the committee, because by that time the rest of the candidates would most likely be lost and the process of selection would have to start over.

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