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## Hilts, Watterberg win elections Constitution gets changes via voters

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Clackamas Community College's Associated Student Government (ASG) elections culminated with an overwhelming majority of votes to adopt revisions in the student constitution, while presidential contender Daniel Hilts and

vice-presidential candidate Shawn Watterberg emerged victorious by closer margins.

Out of 262 ballots cast, Hilts received 97 votes to Darwin Dale Keller's 80, Eric Laitinen's 65 and Kevin Duffy's 5 to win the office of ASG president. Hilts' teammate Watterberg also received 97

votes to win the office of ASG vice president. He beat contenders Rhonda Nordstrom, who had 81 votes, and Henry Palacios with 64 votes.

As for the constitution changes, section III received 212 yes votes to 29 no votes and section V received 217 yes to 23 no. The adoption of these changes mean that ASG members (senators excluded) will be required to maintain a term GPA of 2.5 instead of the previous cumulative of 2.0

ASG members will also be expected to carry a minimum of eight credit hours, two credits more from the previous minimum of six hours, and clearer guidelines now exist in the constitution concerning the selection of officers should the presidential and vice-presidential positions be vacated.

There were also several write-in candidates for the offices of president and vice president. There were five write-ins who collectively obtained 15 votes for president, while eight write-ins received eight votes for vice president. Two of the vice-presidential names included The Thinking People and Bill The Cat.

Both Hilts and Watterberg said they were pleased with winning the elections and thank all those who supported them, either by voting or helping with their campaigning. The two joined forces by endorsing each other for office,

a move Watterberg said helped them to get into office.

He added that being second-year students at the College also helped them in their campaigning.

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In running for office, Watterberg said Hilts and he wanted to give students a choice, because at the time they decided to run there were two candidates running unopposed.

Hilts added, however, that the two of them also decided to run because, "We did see that there was a need for changes to be made," and that, "If we win we're going to take it very seriously."

Campaign strategy for the team included distributing fliers and posters, making ASG-scheduled speeches and talking with students. In regards to the current ASG members, Watterberg said "We didn't want to discredit (anyone), just sell ourselves."

Hilts and Watterberg will be officially sworn in next week.

As of press time the two will be working on appointing the three positions that round out the executive cabinet of the ASG. The deadline for applications for the positions of administrative assistant, activities director and assistant to the president will be on Monday, May 6 at noon. Following the appointments the entire cabinet will travel to the coast at Rockaway in order to organize their goals for the coming year.

Two major areas Hilts and Watterberg will be working on include improving communication between students and ASG, and having a greater involvement in political issues. Hilts explained he would like to instill in students the feeling they can come and talk to either him, Watterberg or anyone in ASG. "Studnet apathy certainly shouldn't be in ASG," Watterberg added.

As a way to combat student apathy, Hilts said he would like to have ready by next fall student surveys to hand out to College freshman, as a way to bridge the gap between them and the ASG. He also mentioned the formation of a political awareness committee in order to help educate students on political issues.

Above all, Hilts said he and Watterberg plan to be open for any suggestions. "We're flexible," he said.



ARMS RAISED IN VICTORY, ASG Vice president-elect Shawn Watterberg (left) and president-elect Daniel Hilts demonstrate teammate principle that aided them in campaigning for offices of president and vice president. Photo by Jeff Meek

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