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Appeal to ASG results in walk-out

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less than four minutes, the appeals committee set to decide on Izso's reinstatement into the Student Government. The walk-out of the public meeting on Wednesday, despite questions regarding the student government's exclusion from state public meeting laws.

After leaving the room, the committee went behind closed doors and made an official decision on the appeal without the presence of the audience. The verdict will be sent to Izso in a letter, which at press time had not been received.

The appeal was filed by Izso after ASG removed him from his position in an executive session on Wednesday before the elections race. Due to his elimination, he was made ineligible for re-election and was deleted from the ballot.

The meeting

Five individuals related to the ASG assembled to discuss the appeal against his removal from office. Seated along a table in the recesses of Community Room 127, ASG Clubs Advisor Javierh Montero, Adviser Ille Baker, Senator Mitch Knudsen, Senator Melanie Kralzer and Student Outreach's advising



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The appeals committee stood and left the room last Wednesday refusing to answer concerns from Izso and the audience regarding ASG's adherence to Oregon Public Meetings Laws when they asked everyone to leave so a decision could be made.

and recruitment specialist, Ariane Amstutz, addressed Izso's appeal. Eager to hear the results of the appeal, a group of people had congregated, including 18 students, one faculty member, Izso himself and his appointed student repre-

sentative, Matt Ostergren. Knudsen, seated directly in front of Izso, began the conversation, asking the rest of the room to be silent so the proceeding would go smoothly. Then, he announced that it was Izso's opportunity to

speaking. "This is your chance to tell your story as to why you should be reinstated," Knudsen said. "I'm going to have you say your story as to why you should come back in, and then I'm going to ask

everyone else to leave the room while we make the decision." Izso challenged the necessity of a closed-door decision, citing Oregon Public Meeting Laws.

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ASG claims to be exempt from Oregon Public Meeting Laws despite questions from students

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One of the 18 community college student governments in Oregon, only Clackamas claims to be exempt from Oregon Public Meeting Laws. The group of individuals involved in Jayc Izso's removal from ASG brought the lawfulness of the organization's actions into question by the Clackamas community. The group of individuals involved in Izso's termination and the procedure maintain that the government is adhering to laws, while the other side argues that not only state public meeting laws are being broken, but also constitutional rights of free process and free expression. Oregon Public Meeting Laws

state that governing bodies are not allowed to meet in private session to make decisions - only to discuss limited issues. But although the public may be excluded, members of the press cannot.

During the appeals meeting, a request made to the committee regarding its exemption from public meeting laws was sent to Bill Zuelke, dean of student services.

In a conversation with Izso and a member of The Print, Zuelke insisted that the ASG appeals committee was obeying the letter of the law.

"Any law written by anyone can be interpreted," Zuelke said. "We feel we are following an appropriate process. Our lawyer's interpretation may not be the same as your (Izso's) lawyer's interpretation. We have rights and responsibilities. They (ASG) have

followed their constitution."

According to a brochure provided by the Oregon Attorney General, Oregon State Law (ORS 192.610 - 192.695) says that a "governing body is any body with the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration."

The Student Press Law Center also says that a "student government therefore is a governing body authorized to make recommendations to a public body on policy or administration ... the attorney general has ruled that the power of a student government to recommend ... to the Board of Higher Education under Oregon law makes them a 'governing body' subject to Public Meetings Law (ORS 351.070)."

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New degree integrates creativity and technology

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In the last hundred years, man has gone from wagons that take months to travel across the country to rocket ships that can touch the moon in a matter of days. With technology advancing faster and faster, it is becoming a necessity to be able to cope with the changes and think in innovative ways.

One of Clackamas' most recently-developed degrees, Integrated Media Studies (IMS), deals with the issue of change head-on by blending many of the courses the school already has into a new department.

The program, which is pending state approval, is an amalgamation of many of the college's

existing media classes. It encompasses eight focus areas that are offered to students: Video Production, Graphic Design, Music and Sound For Media, Film Studies, Web Design, Broadcast Journalism and Audio and Sound Engineering.

According to Andy Mingo, broadcast journalism instructor, Clackamas offers the most focus areas of any community college in the region.

Although much of the course work will be hands-on, English Instructor Sue Mach says that the degree will involve taking core classes within areas such as arts and humanities and science. Courses like these hold a high priority in any technical field, Mach says.

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