

# ASG election results: Breton, Escobedo prevail

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The Associated Student Government election results were released on Friday, May 10, 2013. Options for voting were through myClackamas or a write in, although the write ins' choice(s) cannot be revealed due to regulations. They are as follows:

For ASG President:

- Erick Breton - 80 votes
- Dean Wright - 70 votes
- Six write in votes

For ASG Vice President :

- Susi Escobedo - 84 votes
- Jamie Gibson - 39 votes
- Jessica Valdivia - 37 votes
- Two write in votes

We were able to talk to the newly elected ASG President,

Erick Breton.

The Clackamas Print: Why do you think you won the election?

Breton: I think definitely campaigning had a lot to do with it, you get to advertise who you are. Helping around the school also, there's a lot of people who remember me from events.

TCP: How do you feel about it?

Breton: Very excited, there's a lot of new prospects for next year.

TCP: Do you have any ideas or changes?

Breton: I have a lot of ideas, but student involvement is definitely one that I want to focus on.

TCP: How do you feel about working with Susi?

Breton: It's definitely going to be fun, I know that for certain. There will be hard times, but she's fun and energetic.

Next, we were also able to ask Breton's Vice President, Susi

Escobedo, a few questions.

TCP: Why do you think you won the election?

Escobedo: It was definitely the people, my friends spreading the word for me. They're very supportive.

TCP: How do you feel about it?

Escobedo: I'm just so thankful to all of them, they're just so sweet. Cody Britt from the track team was helping me a lot, emailing people and on Facebook.

TCP: Do you have any ideas or changes?

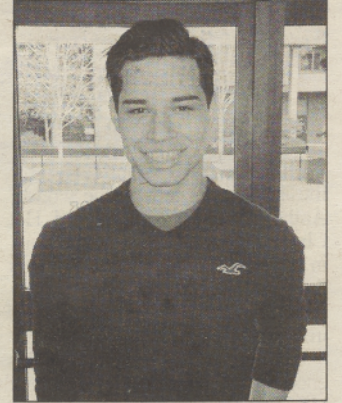
Escobedo: I guess the biggest change that I'm going to be doing, I think the way that I encourage the team is going to be different than it was this year, also the relationships between students and ASG.

TCP: How do you feel about working with Erick?

Escobedo: I'm so excited to



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work with him. I think we're a perfect balance. I'm more outspoken, more energetic and he's more measured and very intellectual.

As soon as the current ASG president and vice president

graduate, Breton and Escobedo will take over their new positions. This is when they will start recruiting, interviewing, hiring and training for the coming year.

# Religion: Sold for nothing; no redemption without money

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The grievance procedure can be found on page 43 of the current Full time Faculty Agreement. Reduction in force or lay off procedures can be found on page 54. The agreement can be found at [www.clackamas.edu](http://www.clackamas.edu).

While this nation deals with the consequences of a congressional sequester that may shake up public budgets for years, higher education is still adjusting to dwindling state support. As a result, many colleges across the country and Oregon have turned to raising tuition and slashing curriculum in an attempt to make up for shrinking federal and state funds.

Students at Clackamas get to feel this budget crunch this year in the form of higher tuition and less course offerings. The discipline of religion is on the chopping block and has resulted in the filing of a grievance regarding procedure when faculty is laid off.

The classes have given many students an opportunity to explore religion while fulfilling the general requirements for a transfer degree. They will no longer be available for serious Religious Studies students who are preparing for transfer to a theology school. Two prestigious spiritual higher education institutions in the area are George Fox University and University of Portland.

Toebben said he currently has students from all over the Portland area who enroll in these sections. Potential theologians who need these classes will have to look elsewhere to fulfill the requirements of their educational path.

Bill Briare, Dean of Arts and Sciences, is no stranger to this year's round of budget issues.

"Every budget cut we've had to make is difficult. I think it is sad that we've had to cut back on religious offerings," Briare said. "To me it's unfortunate the decline in state budget and the funding of education that have this effect on any of our programs."

According to data from [www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov), all community col-



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Above, Brad Toebben, right, teaches History of the New Testament. All six sections in the religious studies discipline have been cancelled at the college and Brad Toebben is losing his teaching position at CCC due to budget reductions.

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**Brad Toebben**  
Religious Studies Instructor

leges in the 2007-09 biennium received \$500 million collectively. That number has fallen to \$395 million for the 2011-13 biennium. During the same time periods, the amount of money received from the state for each fulltime enrolled student went from a high of \$2,778 to \$1,559.

The same web page also states "Unfortunately, the impact of budget reductions facing colleges today will likely be addressed in two ways: program reductions and tuition increases." It also points out that average statewide community college tuition has almost doubled in the last decade.

Toebben said the eliminated classes were almost always close to full capacity, which is 30 or more—especially his two distance learning sections of R-210, which is World Religions. If each of the four credit courses had an average of 25 students, at the new tuition rate of \$84 that translates to a potential loss of over \$50,000 in tuition revenue.

Angela Thorsell, 19, took Toebben's World Religion class a year ago to fulfill her humanities

requirements. She is a Protestant and is not pursuing religious studies. Thorsell enjoyed the class and is sad to see it get eliminated.

"I got so much information about the diversity of religions. It kind of exposed me to what's out there so I have a better understanding of people and why they are spiritual," she said. "Religion is a huge part of people whether you have one or not. I think it contributes to who a person is."

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