

Oregon Institute of Technology

ASOIT General Meeting

Mt. Mazama at 5:00pm

I. Call to Order:

President, Samantha Henkell at 5:09 pm

Guests:

Presentation and Open Forum with Brian Fox

Presentation focused on an overview of our budget, and the fact that

Student Feedback

- Is the hiring freeze still a thing that's going on currently?
 - It's not a freeze, but new positions are being evaluated
- Mechanical engineering dept. down 4 or 5 positions: Retention would be better if there were enough faculty to teach all the classes with the promised class size.
 - They are aware of the issue, and appreciate the feedback
- How long will the school be operating on a minimum operating budget?
 - Currently in the process of figuring out where we're at for the year, will have better understanding by Dec & Jan. Understand and apologize that the faculty's frustration is translating to the classrooms
- Parking permit machines for visitors?
 - Answered by Dr. Foley: If we were to have such a machine there should be designated visitor parking, to prevent frustration from the visitors at the difficulty of finding a spot. Open to suggestions, but haven't found a way to make such an idea work well as of yet.
- About restrictions in resources, such as Boivin's open hours being restricted?
 - Will check into the accessibility of those specific computers, with possibilities of moving the computers to the library, opening Boivin for longer hours, and/or opening the library for longer hours?
- Will there be any program cuts that you expect?
 - certainly not in the short term, if that were to happen it would depend on the job markets, as the goal of the university is to always have jobs for our students upon

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graduation. In addition: there would be a process on the academic (vs finance) side of the university, not something specifically pushed by the finance office.

- Note from Brian: We are not actually in a budget crisis, simply using some resources that might cause friction with some people. What matters is for the students to be getting the best value for their experience
- No printers in the Mechanical side of Cornett, will that change in the future?
 - Holly: potentially the printer just needs to be re-homed, a printer that was supposed to serve the Mechanical side might be on the Civil side now
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- Enrollment is the #1 focus for the institution, we are one of only two institutions in Oregon who have consistently grown, due to the strength of our programs. The goal is to maintain the integrity of the programs to continue that increase.
- Note from a student that campus life is amazing and should never be short in terms of funding because they are one of the biggest and most helpful resources for the students that this campus has!
- How do you foresee any budget changes affecting clubs and their funding?
 - No, club budgets come from incidental fees which are fueled directly from enrollment; those fees are not something that the budget office regulates.
- How can students have input on the budget?
 - Fiscal Operations Advisory council: made up of faculty, students, and administrators to contribute to the creation of the budget
 - Students are also encouraged to be a part of the tuition-setting process
 - Through forums like this!

II. Officer Reports:

President

Samantha (Sam) Henkell:

- No Report

Vice President

Mason Wichmann:

- No Report

Administrative Affairs Officer

Katy Hunter:

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- Minutes to be posted on website by the end of the week!

Finance Officer

Taylor Kimura:

- Extended library hours until 1am during dead week, ASOIT sponsoring snacks!

Clubs Officer

Jessica Santana:

- No Report

Nontraditional Officer

Sally Sutton:

- No Report

Communications Officer

Samantha McLean:

- Reminder to submit events to the TP Press by the 23rd of the month to be included on next month's calendar!

III. Advisor Reports

Erin Foley:

- Thanksgiving: Classes end at 1pm on Wednesday 11/27, resume Monday 12/2
- Staying in Klamath over the break? \$15 for 3 meals, sign up by Friday, pick up by noon on Wednesday
- The Marketplace will resume service at 4:30pm Sunday after thanksgiving
- Dead Week: Wednesday Dec. 4th, Dr. Nagi is hosting a study break 9-12 by the bistro w/free hot beverages, egg nog, cookies

Holly Anderson:

- International Education Week
 - TOP Tuesday: International Studies, 1pm in the LRC
 - Wednesday 5pm in the Treehouse: Traveling on a tight budget
 - Thursday 12pm: Information on studying abroad &
 - Friday 11:30-3:30 in the Treehouse: Passport application workshop

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- Saturday Cultural Fair 11-2 in the Crater Lake Complex
- Online RSO Training coming Winter Term: Will appear as a “class” in Canvas, and will include a test to take for students to be authorized to check out p-cards for club use!

IV. Open Floor

- Sustainability Club: Snack & Science with guest speaker John Ritter (Thurs 4-5)
- Beekeeping club fundraiser this friday in DOW from 12-3, \$8 a jar
- IEEE BBQ 12-2 tues & wednesday front of purine
- Phi Delt hosting pumpkin smash nov 22 1-4 in snell field, \$5 per pumpkin
- Proposeal: Project Management Institute club incl staff, faculty. During college hour on Tuesday 2-3pm having first meeting to finalize club proposal to submit to ASOIT!
- Tues 26th 4-6th in the Treehouse Black Tech Union Mixer! agenda of the club to bring more African Americans into the school and to work w other minorities and low income families

V. Adjournment: 6:12 pm