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President Dave Frohnmayer  
Johnson Hall  
University of Oregon

Dear President Frohnmayer,

Pursuant to Section H of the University of Oregon Clark Document and the ASUO Constitution article 5.6, the ASUO Executive respectfully presents to you the 2007-2008 Over-Realized allocations to 38 special projects and events. As you know, Student Senators and the Executive worked diligently to reach out to the student body for a wide variety of proposals and also spent numerous hours in presentations and deliberations on this final product. The total sum of the proposals before you will provide a diverse influx of activity that will improve the physical and cultural development of our campus. There are funds devoted to hosting national conferences here at the U of O, funds devoted to improving our sustainable practices in multiple ways, and funds devoted to needed physical improvements on campus just to name a few. Though our executive has reservations about some of the proposals we were able to weigh in during the deliberation process. Alternatively, the university administration has not been able to participate and may have different information, questions, or concerns that should be examined by the President's office.

It is important to note and explain the tardiness of this proposal to the administration. Though the ASUO Executive is not responsible for the Student Senate over-realized allocation process it determines our ability to make a final recommendation to the President. This year the ASUO Executive was not given the majority of the required Incidental Fee Action Memos (IFAMs) until Tuesday May 20th after business hours and the remaining on Thursday May 22nd. Our term ended on May 24th. Though we were able to review and sign the IFAMs in time we were very rushed in this process by the Student Senate not finishing the process until the last Student Senate meeting. This has resulted in our final recommendation being finished at this time.

It has come to our attention that the University may share similar concerns with our administration. We believe it is important to address our administration's concerns as well as the University of Oregon administration's particular concerns. Our administration has not vetoed any of the approved proposals from the Student Senate but we do have concerns and also steadfastly support others that may be of concern to the University of Oregon Administration. Therefore, we approve the attached allocations with reservations.

To begin with our recommendations we would like to comment on the CASL project for \$112,510. This is a project that we understand may present some concern to the University administration that we adamantly support being approved. CASL is a student group that has done an impressive amount of work to aid the University community in our efforts to be a leader in environmental and sustainable initiatives. The CASL house proposal is not a capital construction project. The project is for renovation of a house

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that CASL has already secured. The renovations will make the house into a model for sustainable environmentally sound living. The house is already built and simply needs these funds to make a house that will set the University of Oregon apart from the nation in our support for research and innovation in sustainable living. We believe this also serves as an educational opportunity for students in the advancement of sustainable living.

The university, in the past, has approved over-realized funds for renovations in the EMU MCC, University Theater, and the solar panel project on the EMU. These projects were surrounded with discussion regarding capital construction versus renovation and also discussions on whether or not the funds could be used for furnishing and other endeavors that did not include capital construction. We believe that the approved over-realized funds will not go to capital construction. Moreover, in the past the University has worked with groups to ensure that the approved money could go to portions of the project that were not capital construction. This should be the case with CASL. There have been issues in the past with this project that are beyond the group's control and do not relate to the actual physical renovation of the house. The risk management concerns should not be a factor in determining the approved over-realized funds and their final approval from the University. We strongly support the allocation of CASL's funds.

The second project we would like to address is the UO Library proposal. The 2007-2008 ASUO Executive has had concerns for this project from the beginning. We believe that it is a significant amount of funds that will and can only have a temporary benefit to the University community because of the nature of over-realized funds. Moreover, we believe that temporary projects like this can cause issues with the unions and employees that are involved with the library. This makes the work situation unsure and volatile if we approve projects of a temporary nature such as this. This proposal is unique in this regard. Additionally, we believe a twenty four hour library would be more appropriately paid for by general funds. It has come to the Executive's attention that the University holds concerns regarding this proposal for similar reasons. We commend President Dotters-Katz work on this issue though we believe that these are significant concerns. Therefore, we approve the UO Library proposal with hesitancy and hope the University will examine this before its decision is made.

Thirdly, the ASUO Executive has concerns regarding the \$64,050 BWA proposal. Our concerns are two-fold. The first is that there are organizational concerns regarding the ability of the group to spend the full amount approved for them. This is noteworthy because if a group does not spend money allocated to them it can have disastrous effects on the next budget for the organization. Our other concerns are of a more confidential nature. Individuals within the group have not been in student standing who are acting on behalf of the group. Moreover, some members of the group have expressed concerns to our administration regarding the nature of this proposal and the support, or lack thereof that this proposal has within the organizations involved. This is confidential because we handle student issues through the ASUO Programs Administrator and also our ASUO Programs Coordinator. The ASUO Executive worked to resolve this situation by speaking with some members of the group and gathering information. The timing was simply too short to finish this work. Because our concerns and information arose after the process was finished we recommend that Liora Sponko, the ASUO Programs Coordinator, be consulted to

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work with the group to determine whether these funds will be used or whether they should be denied. Because of the uncertainty of this proposal happening as well as the confidential nature of some concerns we cannot approve this proposal. Though, pending the consultation with the ASUO Programs Coordinator and Administrator and members of the organization, through normal means, this Executive will trust the decision of the University President.

Finally, the proposal from the EMU Moss Street Children's Center for the S-Shed as well as their bus is strongly supported by the Executive. We believe that both will add to the cultural and physical development of the University. The bus is something that will improve the access and efficiency for many families in the university community. We don't believe that the S-Shed is capital construction and should not be a cause of concern. Moreover, the project will aid in the education of children and the greater community in environmental sustainability. This is a minor project with far-reaching positive impacts. Not only does it help one of our most important access points, child care, at our university it also brings a wide variety of departments on campus together such as architect students and student parents. This is a great opportunity and we adamantly support the approval of both the S-Shed and the bus.

The remaining projects are approved with full support of the ASUO Executive. The events, conferences and facility improvements fit the definition of over-realized funds and will do a great deal of promotion of the U of O as well as the physical and cultural development of our campus. Including the projects where we have reservations and hesitancy the total approved by the Student Senate is \$746,104. Without BWA and the UO Library proposals the total would be \$628,054 allocated from the over-realized account. Please find attached a summary of all proposal amounts.

Thank you for your consideration and support in this very important work done by a coalition of student leaders. Please feel free to contact us with questions and follow-up. It is our hope that the University will be able to approve the majority of proposals as soon as possible for the benefit of the groups and will be in touch with the ASUO to do the necessary follow-up to determine the University's approval or denial of the projects the ASUO Executive has raised concern over.

Respectfully submitted,

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