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*Executive Council Minutes*  
*Tuesday May 16, 2006*

**Present:** Peter Wordelman, Marilyn Levine, Sadie Isley, Sheldon Nord, Khosrow Fatemi, Mike Cannon, Michael Jaeger, Beth Upshaw, Helen Moore, Marv Wigle, John Miller, and Kristen Bingaman.

**Guest(s):** none

**1. Summer Facilities Projects:** VP Wigle provided a handout for renovation and repair projects for summer 2006. VP Wigle stated his office has been in contact with an energy conservation company who can come in and conduct energy audits to buildings and systems.

One comment received was that project repair and maintenance should be done at times which would least affect students during summer school.

**2. Quote in “The Observer” of potential layoffs of off-campus personnel:** The quote in question appeared in “The Observer” the day after the May 2 campus assembly. President Fatemi explained the intention of the statement was meant to say - in order to maintain our rural centers; we must have students to have classes and if there is not a demand by students for classes/programs we would have to look at staffing changes to reflect demand. The quote was not intended as printed.

A question to recent of rumors regarding a hiring freeze was addressed. The answer was, when a position becomes open, we will look at staffing it before we announce it. This will not apply to teaching faculty. An additional note, the Director of International Programs we be revisited in another year. The candidate selected to fill the vacancy will not be coming to EOU this fall as previously stated.

**3. Announcements:**

**Dean Cannon** – Umpqua Community College advisor position has been filled. This person will work with roughly 40-50 students.

**Dean Jaeger** – Dean Jaeger asked about health insurance provided to students. VP Nord explained that the insurance company moved to a policy of all or none of a group of students is eligible for the coverage. Therefore, off campus students are not eligible for the coverage. Extended residential are treated as on campus. It was agreed that a follow up meeting should be scheduled to address on campus, DDE, and extended residential fees and access to each group of students.

**Beth** – Beth announced the Administrative Faculty are working on completing their position descriptions, which are due to their supervisor on May 15 and to Human Resources by June 15. Additionally, a lunch for Administrative Faculty is being organized for June 16 in RFoC beginning at 11:00 am.



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**Helen** – Helen provided a review of the Classified Staff luncheon. She informed the group of those selected as this year's award recipients. Beth Eaton was honored as Distinguished Staff; Sam Ghrist, Customer Service; College of Business, Team Award; and Gibb Pollard, Student Service.

**Provost Miller** – Provost Miller stated a Reception was being held on Thursday, May 18 for the new OHSU School of Nursing Associate Dean Carol Ledbetter. Dean Kate Potempa will be on the EOU campus for the reception. Provost Miller mentioned that there was a good turnout for Badgley Science Center open house. Additionally, a cohort of faculty had just received promotion or tenure.

**Peter** – Peter announced the teaching faculty are working with students to reinstate the tuition plateau. He stated in general students want to see it back.

Peter said he is witnessing some reluctance of students to visit with their advisors and everyone needs to be aware of that and stay ahead with advising.

Additionally, Peter said they are working hard at raising the necessary funding to support their trip to China in 2006-2007 school year. At present they have raised \$20,000 and the total cost they will need to raise is \$140,000. Two weeks prior to the council meeting, Peter took 90 students to sing with the Oregon symphony in Baker City.

**Dean Levine** – Dean Levine stated six faculty searches should be completed soon. The College of Arts and Sciences will be testing an advisor time-line for students where they must declare a major during winter term of their sophomore year.

**Sadie** – Sadie announced ASEOU student elections are completed. Sadie will be president and the senators will be Charlie Johnson, Mariah Boyle, Jessie Zimmerer, Kathleen Barnett, Hieu Do, Rebecca Sullivan, and Luke Marzolf for the 06-07 school year. Additionally, Spring Fling activities were scheduled for May 18 and 19.

**VP Nord** – VP Nord announced the University of Oregon's Center on Diversity (CoDac) had been on EOU's campus the week prior to the council meeting and provided input to get EOU's administration and diversity committee together. The student fee committee is under new leadership and will have a new style of communication. Jaime Conteras, new Director of Admissions, was on campus the week of May 15 meeting with staff. Steven Jenkins was named as the new Director of Housing and Residence Life. Additionally, the student awards will be held June 16 at 1:30 pm in McKenzie Theater.

**President Fatemi** – President Fatemi announced two candidates for the Vice President of Business, Finance, and Facilities had been on campus for an interview. An announcement will be made as soon as possible.



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The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 20 in the Alumni Room in Ackerman Hall, 9:00-12:00 n.