

SU, ASUO Budget Cuts...

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\$1,500 from the Forum Committee budget for an "awareness series" and \$1,200 for co-sponsorship of speakers with political groups. The "awareness series" involves speakers who will talk, for small fees, on topics with narrow range of interest, according to Lawrence.

Lawrence argued that the best place for both these items, especially the co-sponsorship of political speakers, was in the SU Board budget, since the SU Board is "apolitical" while the ASUO Senate is not.

Drummonds replied that several political groups had told him they preferred to have the ASUO co-sponsor with them rather than the SU Board.

He argued that this program was provided for in a \$12,000 item for speakers and conferences in the ASUO budget and said it made little sense to have funds for speakers "carried in half a dozen different budgets."

Ellingson said that overlap is beneficial to make sure that "areas are not left uncovered."

The Budget Board also asked the SU Board to make \$3,000 profit on special attractions (such as Ray Charles), an item that was budgeted to break even next year, and an additional \$1,500 on the Little Concert Series by not giving students free admission.

The Board also decided to ask the University for \$1,500 more for services the SU Board renders during the summer session which the University would have to offer otherwise.

One other item asked for a shift of about \$2,500 from the cost of SU Recreation Council's programs to the Athletic Department budget. This shift would have the Athletic Department paying about 45 per cent of the cost for such activities as rugby and soccer.

In the ASUO budget, the Budget Board, mainly on recommendations by Goldschmidt, who drew up the budget, made several quick cuts:

- The main one was cutting \$2,500 out of a \$5,000 item for two graduate research assistants. Presumably the ASUO will only have one such assistant. Drummonds objected to that cut.

- Also cut was \$3,090 for a civil service clerk-typist. A similar item was cut from the SU Board budget Tuesday.

- \$155 was cut out for an awards banquet, again in keeping with similar across-the-board cuts.

- \$25 was cut out of a \$100 item for business meetings and public relations.

Cross pressed Goldschmidt and Drummonds hard to defend the ASUO budget "in light of the way you questioned other budgets."

"In a tight budget year can we afford to double our delegation to the National Student Association at an additional cost of about \$500?" Cross asked.

NSA Approval

Drummonds responded that students overwhelmingly approved NSA in the last election and that one of the main arguments for NSA was that a great deal could be gained from having six delegates go back instead of the three that went last year.

Cross also questioned that \$12,000 item for conferences and speakers, but Jones said there was no reason to debate the question since it would have to be decided by President Fleming. Jones has maintained that students cannot bring speakers to the campus in this way without getting faculty approval to do so.

When the final cut had been made and the final question had been asked, Dean Jones leaned back in his chair at the head of the table and said slowly, "I do not say this with any malice, but it appears to me that we've hacked the devil out of every other budget except this one."

At the other end of the table Cross muttered, "to protect this one."

But Drummonds responded quickly. "I object to that remark," he said, noting that 16 per cent

had been cut from the ASUO budget.

He added that there were a large number of new budgets under the SU Board budget. "I submit that if any budget was maximized when it came in, it was not the ASUO budget," he added.

Bob Coltman, a former senator and a student member of the Board, noted that other programs asking for increases are "well-established," while the ASUO has been "highly ineffective."

Not Hurting Anybody

"We're not hurting anybody else by allocating more funds to the ASUO," he added. "They'll still be able to have highly effective programs. But if we're going to bring the ASUO up to their level we have to give it more funds."

Drummonds said he thought the students would prefer to have their money spent on a program like the ASUO's proposed conference program to bring speakers to the campus than on an area which suffered heavy cuts, such as SU personnel.

Goldschmidt pointed to the ASUO administrative budget which is \$175 less than what was spent this year. "If Drummonds and the ASUO can make it on the amount of money that is there, I will be surprised," he said. "There is no overloading. There is no excess. And I don't see how he can make it on what he's got."

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