

IFC member charges ASUO with deceit

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Student TV series survives threat despite attempts to block alleged bias

Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) member Dave Tyler accused the ASUO Executive of willfully deceiving the IFC by supporting the UFW, at the IFC meeting Wednesday night.

Tyler read a statement giving his reasons for requesting a reconsideration of the earlier vote allocating money to the ASUO

television series, the first show to feature a UFW-Gallo debate.

But Tyler finally gave his support to the producers of the series and withdrew the motion, only to attempt to freeze most of the Executive's publicity budget a few moments later.

Tyler said he fully supported the

UFW boycott, adding that his motion for reconsideration was not politically motivated. But unlike the other five outlined programs, he said, the UFW-Gallo segment does not address the 'students as a consumer issue.'

IFC member Steve Herlocker seconded Tyler's motion as a

second chance to defeat the proposal. He added that it was a fiscal vote, not an indication of his political stand.

Tyler said he moved for reconsideration last Friday due to what he thought was "deception on the part of the ASUO Executive."

He said he was appalled to find the opinion column by the ASUO Executive in the Emerald Friday, endorsing the UFW and pledging the moral and financial support of the ASUO.

Tyler charged the ASUO with a conflict of interest. "A biased organization — the ASUO Executive — was now going to have one of its employees conduct an unbiased television program."

Tyler added that the executive had violated the trust of the IFC by not telling the committee of its position on the UFW.

He said he plans to retire at the end of his term because he "can't stand the petty politics."

ASUO Vice-pres. Jamie Burns responded to Tyler's charge, calling it "the heaviest thing that has ever been leveled at me."

"It's not my place to speak to it in any more than a cursory fashion," he said.

Burns told the IFC that he assumed the ASUO-funded disclaimer was common knowledge and didn't think any committee member was unaware that ASUO

Pres. Jan Oliver supported the UFW.

The other six IFC members did not come to Tyler's support. IFC member Paul Bartel called the idea that the ASUO had deceived the IFC "illogical."

Tyler's next move, a motion to freeze all the ASUO publicity budgets except State Affairs, failed because it was unconstitutional.

The committee approved additional funding for several organizations — including Rodeo Club, the Cultural Forum, and ASUO Off-Campus Housing.

Rodeo Club was allocated \$574 to allow them to attend several competitions in this vicinity. The money will not pay for equipment.

The IFC approved the transfer of \$300 from the Cultural Forum's publicity line item and promotion line item to create a \$600 travel budget. This will allow Cultural Forum staff member Shane Tappendorf to attend the National Entertainment Conference in San Antonio, Tex. during February.

Off-Campus housing received \$202 for the travel expenses of one lobbyist for the Legislature. Staff member Malcolm Stewart will introduce and lobby for a housing amendment that would end non-refundable deposits.

The committee also approved an additional phone for its office and heard requests from the Psi Center and "The Wilderness Experience" SEARCH class. Decisions on the two programs will be made next week.

Mayor keynotes conference

Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt will be the keynote speaker at this year's N-WEST (Northwest Environmental Student Task Force) conference today, Saturday and Sunday.

Recycling, mass transit and Northwest environmental issues will be discussed in Goldschmidt's speech at 12:30 today in the EMU Ballroom. Other events open to the public will be a Mt. McKinley slide show at 4 p.m. in 101 EMU

and the movie "Whales, Dolphins, and Men" at 7:30 p.m. in 138 Gilbert.

There will also be workshops and activities for the 100 N-WEST members coming from student environmental groups across Oregon, Washington and Idaho. "The first workshops will be on organization and helping groups get going," says Bruce Walker, co-chair of the conference and director of the Survival Center.

Other Saturday workshops will focus on wilderness, recycling, environmentally sound lifestyles, energy, wildlife, Citizens Against Toxic Sprays (CATS), food, and environmental impact assessment. "A lot of positive energy and innovative ideas should come out of these workshops," remarks Walker.

Jogging, a bird walk and social gatherings will round out the program.

Persons interested in attending the N-WEST activities not open to the public are encouraged to contact the Survival Center at 686-4356 for further information.

The Survival Center has been the driving force behind this year's conference, according to Walker.

The University of Washington is the other strong contributor to N-WEST. The first conference was held there last spring when the organization was formed.

UO Bookstore votes for office expansion proposal

The board of the University's Bookstore voted at their Wednesday meeting to place an amendment proposal before its membership in an all-campus election this spring.

The measure calls for expanding the seven one-year terms of board membership to two-year tenures, and would make all ten positions of a two-year duration. Board membership is open to students and faculty.

The board considers the two-year terms as vital to the firm's continuity. "Each year seven members leave for seven new members," explains Greg Byler, board chair. "It takes about six months for a board to learn at least the ground rules of the business. By then, there is only a few months left to the term."

Provisions in the amendment call for a phase-in period of the terms of office, whereby there is an eventual 50 per cent turn-over each year.

Before the matter can go before the campus for a vote, the annual meeting of the entire membership must be called as dictated by the Bookstore's articles of incorporation. General membership is defined as any registered student, faculty or classified staff member of the University. The election must then follow within 30 days of the meeting. Dates of the upcoming meeting and subsequent election will be announced at spring registration.

A similar move to two-year terms was defeated in an election last spring. Byler blames the election loss on the board, citing a lack of communication with its constituency.

"We didn't have an opportunity to interact with the students to dispell their fears," says Byler. He feels the election was lost because voters questioned both the motive behind the change and the demands of a two-year office.

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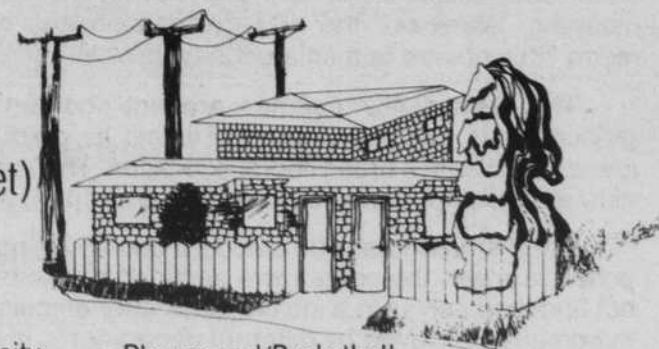
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