

# IFC budget snag holds up programs

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How much longer can the Incidental Fee Committee continue to live on borrowed time?

More and more people are beginning to wonder, while the IFC budget awaits final approval by University officials. The budget, which totals almost \$1.5 million and is used to support most student programs as well as operate the EMU, has been held up in the offices of Johnson and Oregon halls since June.

The problem came to a head Tuesday, when the IFC was forced to postpone action on a number of programs, including the Amazon Community Tenants' request of \$500 to help support a day-care center.

"We're very concerned," says IFC chairer Doug Benson, "but we don't know the status of the budget in general. It's going to be difficult for some of the programs to operate under these conditions."

Gerald Moseley, associate provost for student affairs, could offer little explanation for the delays in his department's approval of the budget.

"I had the feeling we'd move faster on this," says Moseley. "The first thing we have to do is close out the books from last year, and our budget officer (Ralph Sunderland) doesn't want to finalize the new budget until the old books are completely finished."

Unfortunately, Sunderland is out of town this week and couldn't be reached for comment.

Benson says that Moseley promised him the budget "will come out soon," but that hasn't eased the IFC chairer's doubts.

"I can't see any rules that we've violated," he says. "If they change anything, we could take them to the state board and appeal it."

Benson isn't sure what the problem is, but suspects it concerns the elimination

from the current budget of the salary for EMU Director Adell McMillan.

"Since we're not in a position to hire or fire, we felt that her salary should be paid for by the University," says Benson.

"We shaved \$52,939 from the EMU budget and put it in a special reserve," continues Benson. "We want to make the EMU form a financial statement of purpose." Benson said the EMU has been reluctant to clarify the budget division between revenue-producing and IFC-funded programs.

Of the cut, \$27,000 was set aside for McMillan's salary, while the remainder was taken from the EMU's "house account," which covers building maintenance, heat and light.

Ray Hawk, vice president for administration and finance, echoed Benson's suspicions.

"My recollection is that this (the EMU

director's salary) is the only unresolved issue."

Hawk also cites some problems with Sunderland's budget review staff. "Sunderland has lost two budget lieutenants during the summer," he says. "One man joined the staff, decided he didn't like it here and then up and quit. The entire problem is centered more on Mr. Sunderland than ever before."

The budget "has taken this long to approve before," admits Benson. In 1977, declining student enrollment decreased the total amount of funds, resulting in a budget shortage.

The budget for that year was held up well into fall term, but Benson is hoping to avoid a repeat of that situation.

"Fortunately, the student programs won't lose any money, since their budgets aren't a point of controversy," says Benson. "We'll just have to wait."

However, there's no telling what that wait will cost.

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141 classrooms are currently accessible.

Students who use wheelchairs are now barred from classrooms in which speech, computer science and journalism are normally offered.

Services for handicapped students cost the University \$15,000 last year, according to Shirley Wilson, director for the Office of Academic Advising and Student Services.

Wilson points out that Oregon is an old campus, and has received no federal funding to aid programs for the handicapped.

"I don't know why," she says. "California schools must have more political pull or better grantsmanship than we do."

Although the process of meeting compliance with federal guidelines is far from over, the University is making progress, according to Willard.

"Things are moving," she says.

Albrecht says the faculty coordinating council will send its recommendations and review to the task force within a few weeks. The task force will then complete its report and submit it to Boyd.

"My hunch is that it'll be the first of the year, at the earliest, before the task force finishes," Albrecht says. Loren Simonds, a student member of the task force who

uses a wheelchair, says the University may evade compliance with the report's final recommendations.

"I would be very much pleased if they do go for full compliance," he says. "But they have fought other federal statutes like Title IX for years. For handicapped students, they act only if you complain. You've got to break their eardrums to get anywhere," he says.

Chester Faller, another student-member of the task force,

argues that Section 504 only guarantees access to programs; it does not give access to every class. "We've got two Universities here, the little University for the handicapped, and the big University for everyone else."

"It's like segregation against black people in 1954," he adds. "The schools will move only when we or the government forces them to. People tell me it takes time, that I should wait. But like Martin Luther King, I equate waiting with never."

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