

Herrera threatens IFC with veto

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ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera promises to veto "a lot of line-by-line items of budgets, if not the entire budget" of programs approved by the Incidental Fee Committee if it doesn't shape up.

"From the indication of this hearing, the IFC is not showing any kind of real fiscal responsibility," he said at Tuesday night's budget hearing where IFC members spent 1½ hours more than scheduled examining the Political Science Student Union.

"The vetoes undoubtedly will result in a lot of extra hearings for reconsideration," he added, pointing out

that if the April 30 deadline for the incidental fee budget isn't met, the ASUO Executive has the responsibility of writing the budget.

"That deadline will not be met if the IFC continues to operate like they did tonight," he predicted.

"I don't think we were out of line tonight," said IFC member Kevin Chambers. "This was the first day of hearings. The things we discussed took time — but we don't have time."

Co-Ed Housing breezed through the meeting in 15 minutes with its budget goal of \$103.18. But quarreling arose among committee members during the PSSU hearing on dollar amounts for publicity, advertising, office supplies and film rental.

When Dusty Rhodes whipped out a

calculator to determine exact dollar amounts for various line items, Chambers accused him of "nit-picking."

Most committee members said that exact figures are useful and needed, but there should be some amount of flexibility.

Herrera came under attack in the meeting for his recommendation that academic student unions not be funded by student fees but through their separate departments. He suggested the PSSU receive no funding for next year.

"I don't mind being attacked by the IFC," said PSSU Director Michael Lacey. "I think every committee needs a Dusty Rhodes who tries to pare things down to the bone. What

worries me is Herrera, who has no rational justification to zero-fund academic unions."

PSSU receives office space and a telephone from the political science department, said Lacey, adding that any more departmental support of the program would lead to faculty control of activities.

The IFC finally trimmed the PSSU budget down from its request of \$630.75 to \$512.10, which includes a \$119 film reserve. Herrera says he will veto at least part of the budget.

IFC budget hearings will continue Monday through Thursday until April 25. Veto hearings will be held the last week of April. The total incidental fee budget must be submitted to the University administration on April 30.

ASUO awaits applicants for upcoming elections

Students interested in running for ASUO president, the Student University Affairs Board or EMU Board positions must file candidate applications in Suite 4 by April 4.

On that date the ASUO executive office will hold a candidates' meeting. The primary election, April 18 and 19, will eliminate all but two candidates for each position.

The primary election votes will also decide the fate of several constitutional amendments. Possible amendments include a trio by ASUO Pres.

Ramon Herrera. If passed, one would reinstate junior and senior class officers, another would eliminate the ASUO fall election and a third would call for the ASUO to appoint two members of the Incidental Fee Committee. Herrera will modify and rewrite these proposals.

The ASUO will sponsor a candidate debate on April 23, before students cast their final votes in the general election April 25 and 26.

The reduction in booth hours will not affect any students, he says.

In an effort to reduce election costs, the ASUO will shorten voting hours to 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., use computer cards for voting and rely on candidates to solicit student votes, says Mike Lockwood, ASUO vice president and executive coordinator.

"We spent too much money

on each vote last year. That will not happen again," he says,

referring to the \$4 per vote the ASUO spent in the fall election.



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Divestment suit topic for state board meet

The State Board of Higher Education meets in Portland Friday to discuss its role in a suit brought against it by groups and individuals who favor divestment of southern Africa-related stocks now in higher education's endowment fund.

The ASUO filed the suit in Lane County Circuit Court last November, seeking to reverse a May 1978 decision by Oregon Attorney General Jim Redden. Redden ruled the board had no power to divest itself of the stocks in companies operating subsidiaries and having affiliates in southern Africa.

Although board members had earlier voted for divestment, they became defendants in the suit after declining to join as plaintiffs against Redden and the Oregon Investment Council, an agency managing state investments.

In a February report to board members, Chancellor Roy Lieuallen said the board may be

responsible for sharing payment of court costs. He suggested that members may be reluctant to incur such costs in defense against divestment, particularly in light of their earlier vote.

Board member Jonathon Ater added his concern that board members may want to consider hiring outside counsel, rather than using Redden's services, if required to pay attorney's fees.

Board members also will continue discussion of Oregon SB 451, a bill that would appropriate \$800,000 to the College and University Teaching Project — a program designed to improve professorial teaching quality. The Oregon Student Lobby has asked for the board's endorsement of the bill.

The board meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. in Room 328, Michael J. Smith Memorial Center at Portland State University.

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