

ASUO, IFC end squabble; 5 budgets gain approval

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The ASUO executive and the Incidentai Fee Committee agreed Monday to coordinate their budgeting methods and the IFC approved five program budgets with little discussion.

The two groups decided to have an ASUO executive member present at all budget hearings after disagreement arose over the ASUO's use of line-item recommendations and the IFC's goal-oriented breakdown of individual program requests.

"We're concerned about the total budget," said ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera, adding that a separate listing of an item such as postage under three different goals resulted in budget figures that look smaller than they are.

IFC members claimed the goal breakdown was more meaningful and easier to understand in the budgeting process even though program expenditures in designated goals could not be enforced.

Lisa Barnhardt, vice president for ASUO Administration and Finance, stressed that executive recommendations were not arrived at arbitrarily.

"We did that research line-item by line-item, goal by goal," she said. "We are working toward the same goal and I hate to see you sweep our recommendations aside as useless."

Switchboard, a telephone referral service, received its requested budget of \$1,771.23 after discussion about the agency's advertisements, which say the service is community-run.

"I'm real uncomfortable with this agency being funded over three-quarters by the IFC and not getting the credit we deserve," Eggleston said.

"When people come to me and ask me 'what does the IFC dollar buy,' it's a whole lot nicer to hear Switchboard advertisements say 'this is what the IFC dollar buys,'" she added.



The International Education Center's budget request decreased substantially from last year after Eggleston suggested a book it wants to distribute become the responsibility of the orientation office.

The accepted IEC budget was \$2,722.63, not including an allocation for phones, estimated at \$350.

Women's Resource and Referral received \$3,411.12 after some discussion of printing and duplication costs.

ASUO comptroller Larry Beard made an unsuccessful argument for an increase in salary. "The tuition rate is spiraling upward as well as inflation. We are employing students who have to bear the brunt of that."

Barnhardt cited the tight IFC budget in her disagreement. "I think it would be hard to justify not increasing other people's

salaries if we increase this one," she said.

"We are making salary cuts and salary holds as opposed to cutting into the programs," Eggleston added.

The final comptroller budget was up \$80 from last year to \$3,409.64.

Beta Alpha Psi's budget was approved at \$85 — the same last year — with no discussion.

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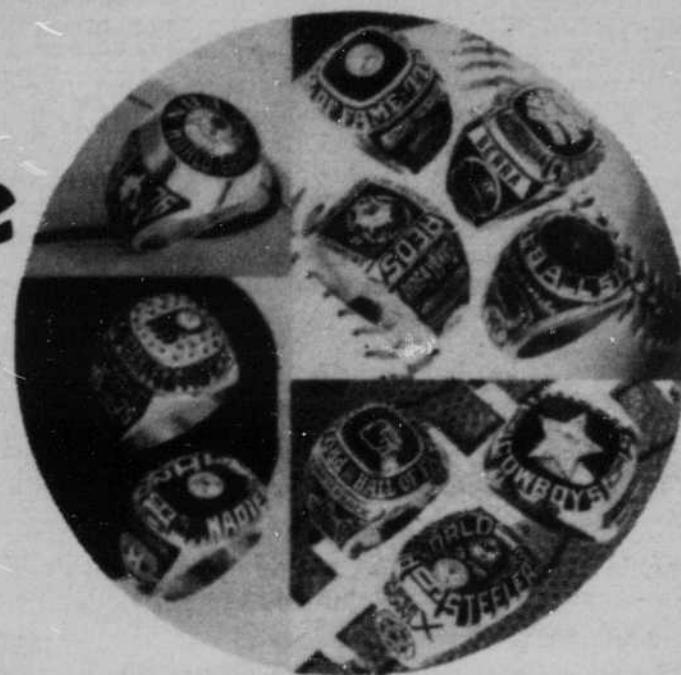


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The ASUO will provide free transportation to the House Education Committee hearing Wednesday in Salem on the release of faculty course evaluations.

ASUO lobbyists and students have been fighting for access to the evaluations since last year. Faculty members have voted against the release, which students say would particularly benefit freshmen who are unfamiliar with courses and professors at the University.

A bus will leave Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. from the EMU. Students are urged to testify or provide support at the hearing, which begins at 8:30 a.m.

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