Guide manager says IFC 'promised'

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The Incidental Fee Committee cheated The Guide out of more than $7,000 during budget hearings last spring, according to Siva Hari, The Guide's business manager.

He says the IFC originally promised the program $12,950, but when the committee over-allocated $65,000 to other programs it cut the Guide's budget 60 percent, to $5,180. The Guide publishes a handbook to aid students in course selection every term.

"After the over-allocation problem, the IFC started cutting programs they had already approved," he says. "They arbitrarily chose to give the Guide 40 percent of the $12,950."

Scott Bassett, ASUO president and a member of the 1978-79 IFC, says the committee was desperate when they cut the money.

The Guide's program chairman had told the IFC that with an active advertising sales program, The Guide could operate the program on 40 percent of their request, according to Bassett. He says the cut came after weeks of hearings, when the committee was looking for places to cut programs. The IFC was attempting to stay under the 7 percent spending limitation imposed by the ASUO constitution.

The Guide was aware of the budget cuts, Bassett says. "He (Hari) doesn't have any reason to scream for more money."

Hari went to the IFC Monday asking for $2,124, which is about one-third of what was cut by the committee last spring. But he says the committee has overreacted, adding that The Guide wasn't in the red yet.

But as part of his presentation to the committee, Hari predicted that The Guide would run a $4,300 deficit by the end of the fiscal year. The Guide has only about $400 left for the rest of the year, Hari said.

Bassett said it is illegal for a state agency to run a deficit, and the ASUO is legally responsible for its programs. He said that meant the ASUO could be sued if it doesn't cover the expenses.

"We've pushed the panic button," Bassett said Monday.

Saying it was "in big trouble right now," chairer Rocky Schatz said the IFC seemed to be faced with the either doing nothing and waiting to be sued, discontinuing the program, or bailing it out — thereby running its own reserves in deficit. That could be done only with student approval.

Now Bassett says the situation is not as bad as he thought it was Monday.

"The program is in a cost-overrun situation, but it can be handled internally," he says. "You won't see that 9 percent ballot measure." Monday Bassett said he was considering a ballot measure to increase the 7 percent limitation to 9 percent, bringing it more in line with national inflation rates.

"It was just a matter of overreaction from the IFC and the Executive staff," he says.

Hari says he was not asking the IFC to bail The Guide out of its financial situation, but to give the program part of the money it was originally promised.

"Whether the IFC gives us the money or not, we can be financially self-sufficient. All we have to do is hire a professional sales staff and sell enough ads to make up the difference," he says.

Bassett says he doesn't want professionals selling ads for the guide. "That's not the purpose of the program. It should be students doing the work."

The Guide's financial problems now are due to the misfunding by the IFC, according to Hari. But Bassett says he disagrees. He says the problem is that The Guide printed a calendar without fund approval by the IFC, using $2,246 of its $5,180.

To combat unapproved spending in the future, Bassett has issued an executive order calling for any acquisition over $300 to be approved by him.

"If that order had been in effect when the calendar was printed, it would have increased the chances of somebody catching the expenditure, and would have relieved some of the problem now," he says.

Bassett says a decision on what to do with the Guide has not been reached, but may be by the next IFC meeting Monday at 3:30 in the EMU.

Pickets delay Chile log imports

COOS BAY — A Georgia-Pacific Corp. shipment of logs from Chile is still sitting in the Coos Bay harbor waitng to be unloaded.

The unloading of the shipment was delayed Tuesday by more than 75 demonstrators protesting trade with the current Chile government.

According to a representative from the Eugene Committee for a Free Chile, longshoremen hired to unload the logs refused to cross the protests' picket line Tuesday morning.

A union arbitrator was then called in to decide whether the picket line was a *bona fide* or a secondary boycott. At noon the arbitrator ruled that the protest was a secondary boycott and that longshoremen weren't obligated to honor it. The longshoremen are expected to begin unloading the shipment today.

The ECFC charges that the G-P shipment supports the "military dictatorship" of the Chilean leader, Gen. Augusto Pinochet, because G-P shipments increase the country's import quota and enable the government to borrow more money from private banks and corporations.

G-P maintains that it is merely transfering material from one G-P location to another.

A similar protest Aug. 22 produced the same results as Tuesday's protest; longshoremen honored the picket line, then went back to work after the demonstration was ruled a secondary boycott.

ECFC plans to research what economical, ecological and political impacts the G-P shipments have on Chile and Oregon.

Corrections, amplifications

The University proposed that Graduate Teaching Fellows could be required to work a maximun of 175 hours per term and that the 150 hour normative standard be eliminated, not a workload of 150 hours per term as the Emerald erroneously reported Friday.

The University also tentatively agreed to petitioning the State Board of Higher Education to change its rule to allow health center coverage for dependents if the Union would accept its proposed workload.