

# Board faces office dispute

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Confusion and controversy have characterized the proposed shuffling and reallocation of EMU office space, but Bob Needham, EMU Summer Board chair, believes he has found the solution to the problem.

Although Needham has the authority to deal with the problem as he sees fit, he believes the significance of the issue demands a board decision and will present a new space allocation policy at the first EMU board meeting of the year tomorrow at 3 pm.

"We want to be an activist board. Some boards have done a lot and some have done nothing more than just sign pieces of paper, which really doesn't change anything. There was a glaring lack of policy in our situation that was inhibiting the function of the board and the groups, and I think it's important that we get something done," Needham says.

The problem became apparent last spring when several groups, including SEARCH, OSPRIG, and the Survival Center voiced their concerns regarding several scheduled moves. Needham says that he sought input from various university groups as well as the IFC, ASUO, and university faculty and administration because there was no clear policy to determine how the space was to be allocated.

With the information he acquired this summer, he has developed the basic criteria for space allocation which he hopes the EMU board will accept.

"In the past, space allocation was handled in an ad hoc fashion, with no clear standards," says

Needham. "Stage one for solving this problem is to pass clear, objective standards."

According to Needham, the new criteria is based on the functions and effectiveness — both current and proposed — of the groups that apply for EMU office space. IFC funding has been the primary consideration in the past.

Past abuse of currently allocated space will also be considered under the new proposal.

After it is determined that the need for space is genuine, other criteria would determine how much space should be allocated, Needham says.

Another factor will be whether the organization considered actually needs space in the EMU, or if another location would be acceptable. The number of staff members, the type of service, and the hours of service involved with each organization will also help determine the amount of space given.

If the EMU board accepts Needham's criteria, stage two in the problem's solutions would be the distribution of detailed questionnaires to all the organizations seeking EMU office space.

The location and amount of space allotted to each group would later be determined on the basis of the questionnaires. If the new policy is passed, Needham says the surveys would probably be distributed a few days after the board meeting, and moving and redistribution of space of office space would begin a week after the meeting.

Needham calls the new allocation proposal an emergency move because of the problem's urgency. Therefore, Needham plans to consider organizations that were anticipating a move last year, limiting the number of new applications.

# Tardy teachers request funds, but get wrists slapped by IFC

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A misplaced file may have cost a University student organization its Incidental Fee Committee funding this year.

The IFC Tuesday denied 1981-82 funding for the Teacher Education Graduate Student Organization because its request was six months late. But TEGSO representatives Rick Goad and Jacqui Williams blamed ignorance, explaining that the group didn't know until now how to ask for money.

Budget hearings normally are held in March.

Goad and Williams said a new education school associate dean didn't find the missing file — which lists IFC rules — until recently.

IFC chairer Karsten Rasmussen reminded the committee that TEGSO was appealing for funds six months after the hearings, and a memo

to the IFC from Jim Edmundson, ASUO vice president for program administration, says an organization can submit a late budget only if it has been active for one year and has an "extraordinary reason why the budget was late."

Rasmussen said TEGSO's reason for a late appeal was not significant, and that the group was inactive from January to April.

"We will hold the present directors of a group responsible for the group's past actions," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen, though expressing disappointment that an active group can't be funded, said the IFC would consider TEGSO

on probation as of last April. However, he said TEGSO would have an "adequate" case for funding during next March's budget hearings.

"It's not that we don't like the group," he explained, "but if we open the door to them, any group will come asking us for money."

Edmundson suggested to Goad and Williams that they work on their goal proposals, hold meetings without speakers if necessary, and have students raise funds.

TEGSO involves about 650 part-time graduate students, Goad said. The group plans to elect a five-member steering committee at an Oct. 9 meeting.

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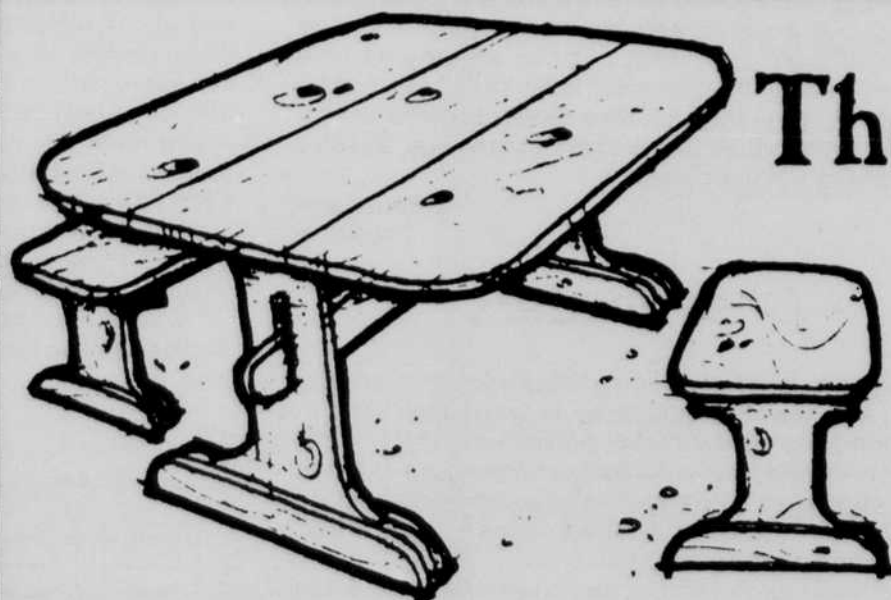
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