

Incidental Fee Committee approves several budgets

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Several student organizations won another year of funding as the Incidental Fee Committee began its series of budget hearings Tuesday night. But with few exceptions, budgets were pared noticeably from last year's levels.

Organizations that received unanimous approval for continued funding included Off-Campus Housing, Political Science Student Union, Survival Center, Mortar Board and the Pre-Health Sciences Center. A campus branch of the American Civil Liberties Union was granted funding for the first time.

Off-Campus Housing was one of the few groups to come out of the meeting with a budget higher than requested earlier in the year. The IFC allotted the

group \$5,536 even though the group had requested a 1982-83 budget of about \$5,350.

The extra allotment was due to a \$110 increase in payroll assessment costs, a \$53 allotment for an optional program expense, to help students find housing during the fall, and a slight increase in printing and duplicating costs.

The Political Science Student Union received about \$590, a 32-percent decrease from last year.

The Survival Center took a 4.8-percent decrease in funding in as their total allotment was cut \$700 to a level of about \$15,100.

The Mortar Board had requested budget of about \$240 for next year, but were allotted only \$190, the amount recommended by the IFC. This organization received no funding last

year.

The Pre-Health Sciences Center made a request of \$900, a 10-percent decrease from this year, but were granted only \$800 when the IFC dropped a requested \$210 for telephone expenses.

The campus ACLU received their \$245 request.

The IFC also set guidelines for future budget meetings. Each meeting will be divided into two parts — a public hearing, where the program representatives, the ASUO Executive and members of the public may present their views, and Committee discussion and votes on the budget request.

Each program can appeal any IFC decision on any line item in its budget by 5 p.m. March 5 by filing an appeal request at the IFC office in EMU Suite 3.

Group asks for nominations

A campus committee invites nominations for the Charles E. Johnson Memorial Award in honor of a former University acting president and dean of the liberal arts college.

The University Assembly established the award in 1979 to honor Johnson, a professor and administrator from 1952 to 1969. Before becoming dean of the liberal arts college, Johnson was an accounting professor and a nationally respected scholar and author.

Johnson, who became acting president during the period of student-administration confrontations in the late 1960s, believed strongly that the University should be used as a laboratory for testing ideas and resolving conflicts.

He also believed in the open exchange of ideas, and that reason should be used to resolve conflicts that arise from clashing beliefs.

The memorial award is presented annually at the June commencement ceremony to a

faculty member who has shown a commitment to those principles shown during Johnson's life and career, including:

- That freedom of speech and assembly holds a key position in American education;
- That a university can and must adapt to accelerating social change while maintaining its objectives of nurturing, promoting and fostering new knowledge;
- That a liberal university is a place where it is possible to bring up for examination all ideas, good and bad, with the conviction that those of little value will find their place in the wastebasket.

The award has been given twice — in 1980 to Psychology Prof. Richard Littman and in 1981 to mathematics professor emeritus Ivan Niven.

Nominations must include a supporting statement and be sent to Claire Meyer, at the library, by the last day of February. Students are welcome to submit nominations.

Johnson's thoughts relevant today

Following one of the many episodes that pitted acting president Charles Johnson against students and citizens around the state, Johnson made the following comments to a group of Rotarians.

His remarks followed an incident in which a group of dormitory students requested a boycott of grapes in dorm cafeterias, because they felt the migrants harvesting the grapes were being exploited. Johnson eventually directed the dorms to stop buying grapes.

"Society wants the universities to produce young people with high levels of technical competence mixed with a large dose of humanistic concern, but it's unwilling to suffer the inconvenience of the social change that must inevitably follow these young graduates

out into the world.

"Society wants first-rate instruction for its young, yet it wants to limit the areas of academic inquiry.

"It wants young people to learn new things, yet it is disturbed when these new things tend to change their ideas and their outlook on life.

"Society wants its own values questioned by the universities as a means of social progress, but it doesn't want professors to ask impertinent questions.

"Well, gentlemen, you can't have it both ways. You can't have an active, current, relevant university and still have tranquility. It has not yet been proven to me, however, that we can't manage in an orderly fashion the changes that must occur in our university.

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