

IFC reverses 3 decisions

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Of the Emerald

The Incidental Fee Committee overrode three ASUO presidential vetoes and took out an \$82,000 subscription to the Emerald for next year during a lengthy meeting Wednesday.

The IFC, not convinced by the justifications given by ASUO Pres. Rich Wilkins for his March 11 vetoes, overrode all of Wilkins' vetoes except his rejection of the MBA Association's budget. No representative of the Association appeared at the meeting to make a case for the group's budget, and the IFC upheld his veto.

American Chemical Society representatives, whose \$50 budget was rejected in its entirety, argued that the group has been active since last April and that \$50 would help the group while being "a drop in the bucket" to the IFC.

The IFC also unanimously reversed Wilkins' veto of the entire \$60 apportioned to the Cuba Study Group, apparently heeding Kevin Kouns' arguments that the group has been active for a year and is broadening its activities, support and membership.

Not convinced of the justification for Wilkins' veto of about \$340 of the YWCA's budget of \$2,750, the IFC also unanimously overrode it. YWCA representative Trudy Cooper argued that the veto figure simply equaled an increase in phone costs and speaker line items.

In other business, the IFC rejected a budget appeal by representatives of AVENU, the architecture and allied arts school newspaper, by a vote of 3-3.

Newspaper representatives sought \$470 to supplement their budget of \$1,574 for a graphics editor position, citing publication frequency and relatively cheap expenses.

IFC member Sheila Schain, who voted for the allocation, changed her vote to no so that she could make a motion to reconsider at a future meeting. IFC rules require that reconsideration motions come from the majority side of a vote.

The IFC also tabled any final action on a veto of the Foreign Student Organization, whose budget of over \$8,000 was cut by more than \$700 by Wilkins when a "pay back" account was eliminated.

However, the IFC had previously voted to rehear the FSO for other reasons.

ASUO funding of a Muslim Student Organization under the FSO umbrella and funding of a separate Muslim Student Association may be duplication, as may be funding the MSO and the Iranian Students Association, both under the FSO, said IFC member David Gibson.

The MSA is religious in nature while the MSO has cultural goals, said FSO director Javed Rasool.

The IFC approved culturally oriented goals for the MSA, Gibson said. Both the MSA and MSO claim the other to be religion oriented, he added.

The IFC tabled the budget in lieu of a meeting between the IFC, MSO, MSA, and FSO on MSO and MSA goals and memberships.

IFC member Steve Baldwin, the Emerald's "tag" IFC member, said he was originally planning to recommend \$80,000 for an Emerald subscription for next year, but had no basis to do so.

"I don't see our role to cut the budget to see if they (Emerald staff) can become more efficient" or better in quality, he said.

Baldwin proposed an \$82,000 student body subscription and adding a \$2,000 line item to the ASUO Executive budget to buy a "legal briefs column" to ensure that student government and program meeting notices would be published in the paper. The ASUO's recommendation was \$84,000, a decrease of about 9 percent from a subscription level of \$92,714 this year.

The ASUO's subsidy of the Emerald, less than 20 percent of its total yearly budget, is granted in the form of a subscription for the student body.

Baldwin charged that the Emerald's "et al." section, available free for notices of speakers, seminars, workshops, meetings, and job interviews, is "not reliable."

Student programs are forced to buy advertising to ensure that meeting notices are published in the Emerald, Gibson added.

The "et al." section is not advertising and there is no guarantee that notices get in since no medium can publish all such items, said Darlene Gore, Emerald advertising director. The Emerald will incur costs in producing the extra \$2,000 in advertising, she added.

Baldwin's proposal and a budget note requiring a student majority on the Emerald Board of Directors for a continued subscription were both approved by a vote of 6-0.

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