



Program improvements lead EMU board candidate forum

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Finding new sources of revenue and improving existing programs were the main concerns of EMU Board candidates who spoke at an ASUO-sponsored candidates' forum Monday.

Only five of the ten candidates for the five student positions on the Board appeared at the forum, which was moderated by David Gibson, a member of the Incidental Fee Committee and EMU Board.

"I'm tired of paying more and getting less," said Randy White, a journalism junior.

White said he supports the EMU childcare program but explained it would be cheaper if ESCAPE students and parents themselves were more involved.

Finally, White said that the EMU hasn't been used to its potential for fundraising and other student group events. The building should be opened to community events, conventions and other activities, he said.

Incumbent board member John Dulcich, a junior in business and accounting, said the print shop and recreation center should be making money since they are designated as revenue-raising areas in the EMU budget.

Dulcich said it's "very important" that EMU fees aren't separated, that student programs in the EMU should be staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and that there "isn't any reason why we should be selling candy at a loss" at the Main Desk.

Separating EMU fees from other incidental

fees would remove IFC control over the EMU budget and give it to the EMU Board — which has non-student members.

Alan Scarce, a business sophomore, said the EMU must advertise to create more interest in its programs and services. There is no reason why the EMU Main Desk should operate at a loss, he added.

Scarce proposed a marketing study to determine what services the EMU should offer and said the Cultural Forum and the Recreation Center could be used more effectively to raise revenues.


Community members and other volunteers could help the EMU and themselves simultaneously, said Mary Hotchkiss, an English junior running on the Students for a Progressive Agenda platform.

The Main Desk and food services should be evaluated for cost effectiveness, she said. She supported removing IFC control of the EMU fee.

Doug Bauer, a junior in finance and political science, said that if he were elected, he would "analyze the printshop" and advertise its services in the *Emerald*.

Bauer said he would also examine the EMU providing early morning and evening meals, the efficiency of the EMU Childcare service and the cost-benefit ratio of the Main Desk.

Separate incidental fees should not be established, and a program should be allocated office space based on usage by students and keeping posted office hours, Bauer said.



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