

IFC limits use of letterhead

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The Incidental Fee Committee unanimously passed a motion requiring that stationery with the IFC letterhead may be used by members for personal use only if they state that the opinion expressed is their own, not the collective opinion of the IFC.

The motion was presented at the IFC meeting Thursday by Katie Howard, IFC vice-chairperson, because of a letter written on IFC stationery and sent to the Constitution Court on Wednesday by IFC member James Randall, Howard said.

Randall sent a letter on the stationery to request that the Constitution Court put an injunction on the political activities of the University chapter of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

Randall said the letter reflected his own opinion and not the view of the IFC.

Howard said to Randall, "You had every right to write to the Constitution Court, but not as an IFC member."

"If I understood that what (Randall) did

was part of what could be considered the powers of the IFC, then I wouldn't have as much of a problem with this," Howard said.

"As a student he has the right to do that, but not as an IFC member because enforcement of the requirements for the spending of the money is not the duty of the IFC," Howard said. "I think that it can get real hazy when people use the letterhead for what can be considered a personal purpose."

Ron Munion, IFC member, said he believes an IFC member has the right to identify himself or herself as a committee member.

Munion said IFC members represent students and should be allowed to use the letterhead. But "if I write something and I say I'm a member of (the) IFC, I should stipulate somewhere in the letter that this is my opinion and not that of the IFC."

He added, "As an elected official I have the right to go out and investigate, and see what I think is wrong."

The Constitution Court will meet today to discuss whether or not to enforce the injunction sought by Randall.

Animal research

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the rabbits are injected with a protein. "We inject them to raise the antibodies in their blood for a particular protein that we want to study," he said.

For example, Stevens said if a particular protein goes to a certain compartment within a cell, researchers need to probe how that protein moves from one compartment to another through the use of antibodies.

"One of the main questions we are trying to answer is what are the basic mechanisms that allow a cell to compartmentalize their proteins, and we think of that as the problem of protein targeting," Stevens said.

"We are interested in this because we are basic scientists, and we want to understand how the cell works," Stevens said.

"The fall-off from all of this is going to be a lot of information that is going to be important for understanding many diseases," he added.

Stevens said the research he is participating in will lead to understanding diseases called "hurler syndromes."

"We think that what we are learning is going to have an impact on understanding the basic mechanisms of why a hurler individual has the cellular manifestations, and why the disease exhibits clinical symptoms the way it does," Stevens said.

This could be eventually figured out at the basic cellular level, Stevens said. It would take doctors to put all these cells together and apply them to a human being.

Rabbits are used because they are able to give a lot of serum without being hurt, Stevens said.

"We keep the rabbits for years, so they live in our cages, are fed and taken care of, and we just continue to draw serum from them periodically," he said. "A given rabbit can only be injected with one particular type of protein."

Two of the rabbits that were

stolen were rabbits they had had for about a year, and enough serum had been collected and stored to last up to 10 or 15 years, Stevens said. Because of that, those rabbits will probably not be replaced.

The other two rabbits were in the early phases and had just been injected with the protein against which the researchers wanted to raise antibodies.

"We were in a very early phase, and we had not gotten

around to drawing blood from the rabbits, so that attempt completely crashed, and we will have to start over again by isolating more proteins and injecting them in new rabbits," Stevens said.

Stevens estimates that this work will start at the beginning of next week, and as a result of having to start all over again, the experiments concerning those rabbits have been put back

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