

IFC candidates offer voters limited choice

The pot of Incidental Fee Committee candidates this year is comparably low. This limited choice could make it hard for voters to find qualified candidates. We give our endorsement to Ron Munion, Collin Farrell and Teddy Wallace for the one-year seats and to Joshua King for the two-year position.

Although Ron Munion tends to create controversy in the IFC, he is by far the most qualified candidate. The one-year term he has served on the committee has given him the experience and know-how necessary to work within the IFC.

Collin Farrell is an informed candidate with strong ideas for improving IFC setbacks. He believes the IFC needs to set priorities and resist major increases for groups. To help alleviate the money problem he would lobby the state for funding.

Even though Teddy Wallace does not have as much experience as Munion or Farrell, she has the most common sense. She wants to represent a broad base of participants as well as break away from the personal opinion conflicts that currently plague the committee. Wallace will add a uniquely sincere quality to the IFC.

The three remaining candidates; Steve Hoyt, Sandra Thompson and Kristin Teigen, are not familiar enough with the process to receive our endorsement.

Thompson was a strong contender. She emphasized that the IFC should move to a more advisory role instead of the adversary role it has now.

Hoyt was the only candidate who mentioned cultural and physical development as a major criterion for funding groups rather than size. This seems to encompass the overall goal of the IFC. Hoyt knew the terms and basic concepts involved in the committee. Unfortunately he did not know how to apply them.

Finally, Teigen was not familiar with the process. She lacks the ability to deal with individual groups or to adapt to the workings of the IFC.

The choices for the two-year seats suffer from a lack of any truly qualified, competent candidates. Joshua King gets our endorsement as the only candidate with the potential to succeed.

King shows promise and energy to devote to the IFC. Although he has had little experience, he is enthusiastic and willing to learn. King also is running as an independent. This non-affiliation with a party will provide a well-rounded influence in the IFC.

Armando Morales has served two years on the IFC. This would be a benefit if he had shown any signs of effective judgment. Unfortunately his record shows he puts little effort into examining groups and he frequently abstains from voting.

Despite Douglas Pyle's experience, he is too politically oriented. He would vote according to his political beliefs. At last week's IFC candidate forum, Pyle had trouble justifying his anti-Commentator stance two years ago.

These special interests are also apparent in Wayne Skill. He places too much emphasis on the Athletic Department. Skill's idea to eliminate the "spend it or lose it" mechanism in the IFC would decrease the role of the committee. It is the IFC's job to maintain effective spending.

J.B. Leahy has the necessary professionalism needed for the IFC. But he has no concrete idea of how the system operates.



Letters

I'm for Ron

Having had the privilege of working with Ron Munion this past year, and after reading the story about him (ODE, April 7), I find myself prompted to write this letter.

Ron has been a member of the EMU Budget Committee, of which I chair, as a representative of the IFC. His role was to keep both the IFC and Budget Committee informed of each other's activities, requirements, expectations, guidelines, etc. I believe that if it were not for Ron, the Budget Committee would have had a serious lack of information, because it is Ron who not only approached hearings with sound objectives, but he kept politics out of the process — an aspect I find not only important, but admirable.

Ron and I do not agree on everything, but we do on three basic principles: That the cultural and physical development of the students is preserved; and, unlike some others, that the position of the IFC is not to act like God; and that politics has no place in the budgetary process.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to publically thank Ron Munion for his assistance, as well as to give him my vote in the upcoming election — because if there is anyone who is concerned about preserving the development of students and ensuring that their money is used properly, it is, by far, Ron Munion.

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Political science
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Voter appeal

My name is Tamie Kaufman; I am running for a one-year EMU Board position with the Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership (CSRL) party. I am running for this position because I care about the students of this University. The CSRL party also cares about students and wants the ASUO to become more concerned about students. I agree that this is an important issue and that is why I am a part of the group.

Another place of importance is incidental fees. Many students do not realize it, but they pay \$61 per term in incidental fees. As an EMU Board member, I will be involved with about \$1.7 million of incidental fee money. As a board member I would do my best to make sure the money is spent toward the benefit of the students.

The EMU is the heart of the University and almost every student uses it at one time or another. For this reason I feel this is an important position and because of this I will take the job seriously.

Remember, Tamie Kaufman, CSRL, for EMU Board one-year position.

Tamie Kaufman
Pre-journalism

No right turns

With elections days away, students need to know the differences between candidates.

This year, a well-funded, extreme right-wing organization formed, offering lock-step ideologies running for a narrow purpose: to slash or eliminate organizations they politically disagree with (they call this "depoliticization"), and to fund ONLY athletics and so-called "non-political" activities.

Their candidates lack experience in social/cultural organizations. Their presidential candidate's "experience" is limited to having been a cheerleader. Their two-year IFC candidates' "experience" is membership in the Marines ROTC and US Air Force.

Their only current IFC member, Ron Munion, has a voting record revealing hostility toward minority and social issues. He voted against Black Student Union events and Peace Week, and he opposed providing student legal services and child care for off-campus housing (he derided it as "babysitting").

SPA candidates, on the other hand, don't have such narrow, cynical views of student events. SPA supports a rich academic environment, including debate and discussion on issues. SPA supports bringing speakers of diverse political views to campus.

This diversity is reflected in SPA candidates. The right wing has no ethnic minority candidates (and has opposed cultural events), while SPA endorsed minority student union directors, foreign students, older students, parents, plus students fitting the "typical" profile as candidates. SPA reflects the diversity of the campus.

There is a choice: narrow, negative interests of the far right, or the progressive, inclusive, supportive approach of SPA. Your vote counts. And, more importantly, your vote is important.

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