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Moneymaking groups to give profit fraction

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Revenue-generating departments within the University are being asked to allocate 1 percent of next year's budget to fund the planning and implementation of academic and administrative programs.

"We're trying to recover some of that money to do the things that need to be done in education," said George Sunderland, director of the Office of Management and Budget. "The pressure to relieve problems in the instructional area is overwhelming."

The EMU, Student Health Center, residence halls and athletic department were told several weeks ago by University President Myles Brand's office to budget the money for the next fiscal year, which begins June 30.

The proposal, which will be finalized by March 26 in the form of final budget instructions, will most likely affect all non-academic activities, Sunderland said.

Sunderland said activities where students raise funds and run the program will probably be excluded.

Although the proposal is still being reviewed, several departments have been asked to set aside the money now because they are in the middle of forming a preliminary budget.

"It is my understanding that in planning our budget for next fiscal year that we are to set aside that money, but I do not have that in writing," said Adell McMillan, EMU director.

McMillan said only those departments within the EMU that do not receive student funding would be affected, and that

prices in such departments as the Main Desk and the Fish-bowl would probably increase to cover the estimated \$25,000 the EMU would lose.

Brand is turning to self-supported departments for money because there are no other departments where the University could raise or save money, said Gaye Vandermyn, University News Bureau director.

"This (money) would be for use by the departments to help them accomplish things identified to be done in planning," she said.

Vandermyn said administrators have not yet determined exactly where the money would be spent, and that a finalized order from Brand to revenue-generating departments has not been issued.

Programs funded by incidental fees — including those within the EMU and athletic department — are excluded from the request, Sunderland said.

Sunderland said he and other administrators are conducting an intensive review of every department to determine what type of plan is feasible.

"We're still in the process of really looking at it," he said. "The initial concept is in place and I don't think it will change."

Dr. James Jackson, Student Health Center director, said the 1 percent charge is something that revenue-generating departments should expect.

"The central administration does need and should expect something in return for the support they provide," Jackson said. "It's simply that there does need to be more funds generated to do the things the University needs to do."



Hangin' fire

Enjoying spring-like conditions, University student Eric Denzer lofts a high "judo air" in the Alder St. parking lot during a heated skate session Thursday afternoon

Photo by Jim Mason

Mentally ill protected with new policy

By Peter Cogswell
Emerald Reporter

The University has adopted a new student grievance procedure and added an amendment to the student conduct policy concerning students found to be mentally ill.

The change in the student conduct policy comes as the result of feedback from hearings officers that the previous policy was too vague, said Elaine Green, Interim Coordinator of Student Conduct for the University.

"The problem is, what if someone has a mental disorder and is accused of academic dishonesty?" Green said. "Do they get the grade they would have received (otherwise)?"

Green said the policy distinguishes for the first time between academic and disciplinary sanctions.

Under the new policy, students charged with academic dishonesty who are found to be mentally ill will receive academic grades based on the fact that they were dishonest, but the students will not have any disciplinary sanctions brought against them.

The new policy reinforces that it is the faculty member who gives out grades to the students, Green said.

"Insanity is not a defense for getting a grade dishonestly," she said.

The student grievance procedure signifies the first time students have had a general guideline to follow should they have a problem with some element of the University.

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Ten groups receive funding at busy IFC hearing

Refuse recognition to ASID

By Dan Eisler
Emerald Reporter

The Incidental Fee Committee granted a total of \$17,256 in operating budgets to nine student groups and refused to allocate funds to one other at a Thursday night hearing.

IFC Notes

The committee voted unanimously not to recognize the University chapter of the American Society of Interior Decorators' chapter because of the group's membership fees.

The committee tabled the ASID's budget request until the group clarifies its goal statement on membership fees, and voted the ASID "did not provide for the physical and cultural development of students."

IFC member Paul Nhem expressed

hope that the vote would send a message to other student groups.

"(IFC) can't provide funds to groups charging fees," IFC member Chad Bennion said.

"It would be charging students double," said Tracy Naber, ASUO Finance Coordinator. "Technically if students pay incidental fees they should be members of groups."

"We've faced this before in groups," said Nhem, who then attempted to move the group provided for the physical and cultural development of students if it would provide a sheet clarifying its membership policy.

"We can't have that stipulation," acting IFC Chair Freddy Vilches told Nhem. "We can only fund or not fund."

Any student can be a member, but there is a \$33 membership fee, ASID President Pearl Kim said, responding to IFC questioning.

"So if I wanted to participated in

ASID without paying \$33, I could?" IFC member Chad Bennion asked.

"Technically yes; that has not been a problem," Kim said. "We haven't closed our door to anyone."

The chapter, which currently has 25 members, doesn't have a problem with people paying, Kim said.

Actual membership entitles students to substantial membership discounts at art stores and printing shops with a membership card, and to its listing on students' resumes, Kim said.

Of the dues paid to the chapter, 95 percent goes to the national organization while the remaining five percent is spent on campus, Kim said.

In other business, the Minority Law Student Association received \$1,098, a 59 percent decrease from last year's allocation of \$2,744.

Only \$700 of the last year's funding was spent by the MLSA, a pattern of the past several years, according to ASUO records.

The spending problems are attributable to previous MLSA directors, said

Leonard Williamson, the current director. Williamson added that the cut is a "slap in the face" to the organization.

"I understand the message you want to send, (but) these students are the only thing on this campus working for affirmative action" at the law school, Williamson said.

"I don't think it's fair to say it's a slap in the face," IFC member Joe Revill said.

"This I can't defend, because you haven't spent anything," added IFC member Armando Morales.

"You say it's any internal problem," IFC member Steve Maples told Williamson. "We can't control that but we can control the money."

"Don't think of this as a setback but as a fresh start," Nhem added.

"I think it's one of the best (IFC) decisions," Nhem said. "If you're not going to use your money, another group will."

Bennion told Williamson that if the

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