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Colson steps down as IFC chair

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Incidental Fee Committee member Mike Colson will abstain from voting on budgets and relinquish his position as chairman until the Constitution Court rules on the legality of an ASUO investigation that found him responsible for IFC note-tampering.

Colson made the offer Friday to temporarily abstain from budget voting, but members added their own provision that he must also abstain from internal policy voting.

IFC members met Friday for the first time since April 4, when ASUO President Kirk Bailey announced that his five-week investigation into alleged tampering of IFC minutes had concluded Colson was responsible.

Colson insists he was not responsible, and has filed a complaint with the Constitution Court questioning the investigation's legality.

When Bailey announced his conclusion April 4, he recommended that the IFC vote to remove Colson from the committee, but members instead voted to suspend hearings until Colson resigned

or the matter was resolved in some other way.

"In order to best serve the student interests and preserve the integrity of the IFC ... I am today willing to offer to relinquish the chair to the vice-chair until such time as this case is resolved in Constitution Court," Colson said at the meeting. "This will allow the budgetary process to continue."

Colson's motion passed 5-1-1, with Colson abstaining. Armando Morales opposed and Jennifer Bills, Barclay Grayson, Freddy Vilches, Josophia Watson and Kari Anderson in favor.

Vilches then proposed that Colson also abstain from internal policy decisions. The motion passed 5-1-1, with Colson abstaining and Grayson opposed.

As vice-chairwoman, Bills now assumes responsibility for organizing and presiding over budget hearings. Hearings will resume Tuesday evening, she said.

If the court rules in Colson's favor, he will return as a voting member and the committee will decide at that time whether he will resume his position as chairman.

Candidate to seek student input

Wants to end IFC's exclusiveness

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Incidental Fee Committee candidate Jon Tucker said he would like to help improve communication between students and IFC members by increasing student input at meetings.

Elections

Tucker, a second year marketing and management major, is one of eight candidates vying for the three one-year seats available on the committee that allocates student fees to the EMU, Athletic Department and student groups.

"I'd like to see more student input," he said. "From my experience, the IFC seems to be like this exclusive group where students can't touch them."

Tucker said he wants to keep student fees — now about \$100 a student each term — from rising, but he believes students get their money's worth from the present fee level.

"Considering the vast majority of groups and the number of groups that have a really wide range of activities, I don't feel it's unreasonable," he said. "People don't want to spend their entire time in the classroom listening to a lecture when they go these activities and get a total different educational experience."

The projected 1991-92 enrollment decrease of 2,000 this year will leave the IFC with about \$500,000 less to work with in allocating budgets for 1992-93.

"As a start, there would probably be a proportionate decrease for each group based on this year's funding," Tucker said. "As a basis to start, I'd like to decrease it by the same percentage for each group, then maybe adjust that based on exceptional need."

Tucker is chairman of the Residence Hall Governance Committee, a group that allocates funds to groups and projects within the residence halls and serves as a recommending body for policy changes.



Jon Tucker

He is also a member of the transition committee that is working with Carey Drayton, director of the Office of Public Safety, to relay student concerns about campus issues.

"Most of my ties to student groups have been as a liaison to student housing," Tucker said. "With my background and experience with RHGC, that could carry on to IFC. I feel that I can make a good contribution and I'd like to do that."

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