

# IFC reconvenes; approves six budgets, requests

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The Incidental Fee Committee reconvened Tuesday after suspending budget hearings for a week and half to allocate funds to three student groups and hear three special requests.

Former Chairman Mike Colson attended the hearings but did not vote on any budgets or special requests.

After a long debate between Sam Nhem, ASUO finance coordinator and Marlene Drescher, director of the Office of Student Advocacy, the IFC voted 5-1-0 to allocate \$51,635 to

OSA for 1991-92, an 11 percent increase over this year's budget of \$46,596. IFC member Barclay Grayson was opposed.

Nhem and Drescher disagreed over employee salaries, with Drescher saying her employees had should be adequately compensated for their specialized skills. Nhem said higher salaries would be unfair to programs that have not received requested increases.

After the meeting, Nhem told IFC members that the ASUO would likely veto the allocation and recommended that it be reconsidered.

Legal Services was unani-

mously allocated \$74,807, an increase over their current budget of \$73,161. The salaries of the director and the assistant director were adjusted to reflect cost of living increases.

The Forensics Program requested \$13,820 for next year for increased travel and competition expenses. However, IFC members voted 4-2 in favor of maintaining the group's current budget of \$12,605. Grayson and Kari Anderson were opposed.

The Survival Center was unanimously allocated a special request of \$1,500 to help cover Earth Week expenses.

## —IFC Allocations—

Group	1990-91	1991-92	% change
SOSA	\$46,595	\$51,635	+11
Forensics	\$12,605	\$12,605	0
Legal Services	\$73,161	\$74,807	+2

The Sister University Project was given a loan \$1,590 to temporarily cover the cost of bringing John Stockwell to campus to speak for Earth Week.

Members of the University Day Coalition reported that they have received \$3,500 from the administration and asked the IFC for matching funds to

cover expenses. \$3,500 was allocated with a 3-2-1 vote. Jennifer Bills and Armando Morales were opposed and Freddy Vilches.

Bills said she objected to expense items such as t-shirts and Morales said he thought the administration should finance the project entirely.

# Cruz supports small campus groups

## Pledges to watch out for minority groups, environment

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Robert Cruz, candidate for a one-year Incidental Fee Committee seat, said he would champion the causes of small student groups and women's groups if elected.

Cruz, a junior who plans to major in international studies,

"I believe the Women's Center has some valid points that need to be addressed, like their autonomy," he said. "When I walk down the street and feel threatened, I can imagine what other people feel like when they are threatened."

Cruz is presently a member of M E C H A and the Asian/Pacific American Stu-



Robert Cruz

University education accessible for low and middle income students.

Cruz said he is also a supporter of international students, environmental causes and is concerned about the difficulties faced by students who are parents.

"I'd like to help out college students with families," Cruz said. "I feel I can relate to them. When I first began attending the University, I was trying to put myself through college and put my little sister through high school at the same time."

Cruz said if elected, he would encourage student input and would be "open and willing to listen."

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said he would look at each group on a case-by-case basis. Cruz believes certain groups are at risk because of the projected decrease in enrollment next year and the subsequent decrease in available incidental fees.

"The small student groups and new, fledgling student groups, especially with Measure 5, are at risk to be cut or completely annihilated, and I want to stand up for some of these groups," Cruz said.

dent Union. He has also been a student counselor for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and is currently on the multicultural recruitment team.

"A lot of the groups the IFC funds help give students, especially poor students, a lot of opportunities to participate who otherwise would not be able to do many things," he said.

Although he believes in supporting many diverse student groups, Cruz said he wants to keep fees low to help make a

# Candidate promises fair decisions

## Dodge cites experience with residence halls, OSPIRG

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Sara Dodge, candidate for a one-year Incidental Fee Committee seat, said her understanding of how student groups function will allow her to make fair judgments when deciding

Asian studies. Dodge was a member of the Residence Hall Governance Committee last year.

She has also worked with OSPIRG for more than a year, is currently working on the group's consumer hot line and is serving as vice chairwoman



Sara Dodge

programming, and that's important when looking at how groups are going to have to be cut," she said. "You have to look at how to change a group's fee structure without making it stagnate."

Dodge said if elected, she would like the IFC to have more interaction with student groups and with the ASUO than she thinks is happening currently.

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where program cuts have to be made.

"I understand how the student fees work, and I don't want to see them skyrocket," she said. "But at the same time, you can't just cut 10 percent across the board and expect the same level of services."

A sophomore majoring in Oregon Daily Emerald

on the chapter's local board.

Observing other student groups in EMU Suite 1 has been an educational experience as well, she said.

Dodge said she helped prepare for OSPIRG's IFC budget hearing, which made her aware of the control students have over their incidental fees.

"I'm a big supporter of group



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