

Lerma stresses objective viewpoint

Says IFC needs 'open minds'

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Reporter



Lydia Lerma

Lydia Lerma, candidate for a two-year Incidental Fee Committee seat, said if elected, she would approach budget hearings with an objective viewpoint and an open mind.

She is currently working as the IFC secretary and note-taker, is a member of MEChA and was a University delegate to the United States Student Association conference in Washington D.C. in March.

Lerma said it is essential for IFC members to approach every group's budget with a fair attitude.

"It's very important that people don't go in already decided on how they're going to vote," she said. "A lot of important things are going to be said at the budgets hearings, and sometimes minds are already made up about who's going to be funded and who's not. So I

think it's very important to be very open and objective."

Working for the IFC this year has provided insight into the budgeting process, said Lerma, a sophomore history major.

"It's easy for (candidates) to say 'I'll do this and I can do that and I think these groups should get this' but that's not what the Incidental Fee Committee is about," she said.

"They're not there to come in with pre-conceived judg-

ments on who deserves what. They're there to be as open and objective as possible during the budget hearing process and then make the decision from that, not from how they feel."

As IFC note-taker and secretary, it was Lerma who discovered that the minutes to the Jan. 31 meeting had been altered. She filed a complaint with the ASUO that led to an investigation in which ASUO President Kirk Bailey found IFC member Mike Colson responsible. Colson has denied the charges and claimed the investigation was illegal.

"A lot of games have been played up there this year and there's been a definite split between people," Lerma said. "I don't think the Incidental Fee Committee is an arena where political games should be played."

"People need to be open and honest with each other. That's my main goal, to bring honesty back into the Incidental Fee Committee and be very objective."

Controversy hits IFC again

By Kristin Genzer
Emerald Reporter

Several Incidental Fee Committee members complained after Wednesday night's meeting that Mike Colson reneged on his promise not to participate in the budget hearings process.

IFC member Armando Morales said that some committee members assumed when Colson stepped down as IFC chairman that he would only observe the budget proceedings and not comment.

Colson stepped down as chairman after an ASUO investigation concluded that he was responsible for altering the minutes from the IFC's Jan. 31 meeting. Colson denied responsibility, but stepped down so budget hearings could continue.

At the time, Colson said he would not vote on any student-group budgets.

However, Morales said when Colson asked for votes to be tallied during a roll call, he was "lying to students and breaking his promise" by no longer acting as an observer during the meetings.

During regular business IFC members were confront-

ed with one special request, and next year's allocated budget division for five student groups.

The Women's Center requested a 6.6 percent increase, making its total budget \$35,793. The IFC voted 5-0-2 in favor of the proposal, with Barclay Grayson and Colson abstaining.

MEChA asked for and was unanimously allowed its same budget as last year, \$11,041.

The IFC also voted 4-1-2 in favor of the Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Alliance budget of \$5,643 for the up-coming year. Committee Chairwoman Jennifer Bills abstained from voting on the .01 percent increase.

White Bird Clinic requested \$3,892 and was unanimously allotted its same budget as last year.

The ASUO Executive asked for \$162,639, a 2.72 percent increase in last year's budget. However, the group asked for \$4,218 in office supplies, a 251.51 percent increase from last year's \$1,200.

The proposal was denied 2-2-3.

OSPIRG Recycling Group to meet tonight

MEETINGS

Circle K International meets in the EMU Cedar Room at 7 p.m.

Mortar Board meets tonight at 6 in Room 112 Willamette Hall.

Black Student Union Elections meets at 3 p.m. for a candidates' meeting located in the Black Student Union.

OSPIRG Recycling Group holds a meeting tonight at 5:30 in the EMU Maple Room.

will feature advanced Macintosh operations with tips and hints.

All Student Groups who wish to have their ASUO candidate endorsements printed in the Emerald should drop off a list in the Oregon Daily Emerald office, EMU Suite 300, by 5 p.m. Monday.

Deadline for submitting Et als to the Emerald front desk, EMU Suite 300, is noon

the day before publication. Et als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon.

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Et als

Rain Forest Action Group meets at 2:30 p.m. in EMU Suite 1, Survival Center.

Students Against Apartheid meets in EMU Suite 1 at 6 p.m.

SPEAKERS

Archaeology Institute of America is sponsoring two lectures in Room 166 Lawrence Hall at 7:30 p.m. One lecture is by C. Melvin Aikens, anthropology professor, and is titled "Artifacts from the Pre-history of the Columbia River Basin," and another is by A. Dean McKenzie, professor of art history, and is titled "General Collections of the Maryhill Museum of Art."

Media War Coverage is the title of a lecture to be given by Jack Fosse, a former L.A. Times war correspondent, and Steve Pander, a journalism professor, tonight at 5 in Room 302 Allen Hall. The event is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

MISCELLANEOUS

Smorgasbord Concert is at Beall Hall from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

CD-ROM Tutorial: search strategy is a session for those interested in learning to use the library's computerized database to develop research strategies. The session takes place in the Reference Department of the Knight Library at 2 p.m.

MAC Workshop is a session taking place in Room 175 of the Computing Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The session is sponsored by the Computing Center and

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By GARY LARSON



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