





IFC allocates almost \$230,000

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The Incidental Fee Committee allocated nearly \$230,000 to seven student groups Tuesday and Wednesday night, decreasing four budgets and in-

IFC chairwoman Lydia Lerma voted against every increase Wednesday, constantly reminding the committee members and student groups of the need to cut back on spending and keep student fees low.

The ASUO Women's Center, the largest Wednesday budget, was allocated \$34,293, a decrease of 4.4 percent from this year's \$35,793. The ASUO recommendation for the Women's Center was \$34,483.

The Women's Center budget was heard in conjunction with Women's Resource and Referral because of a coalition that exists between the two groups that operate out of the same office.

The Women's Center requested \$1,200 for a new stipend position of student coordinator. To set off the increase, the Women's Center asked that the work study money it currently receives for office receptionists be transferred to WRR, who would then pick up the cost of receptionist

Both groups will benefit from the receptionists and the student coordinator.

WRR was allocated \$6,283, a 29.7 percent increase over this year's \$4,845. The ASUO recommendation for WRR was \$6,272. WRR requested \$6,546.

Taken together, the two groups received \$40,576 for a net decrease of .15 percent.

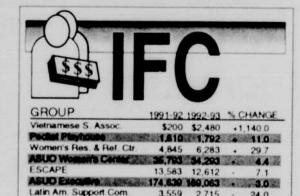
The Pocket Playhouse Theater received \$1,792 Wednesday night, for an 11 percent increase over this year's budget of \$1,610. The ASUO recommendation was \$1,692. Pocket Playhouse requested \$2,055.

Next year's increase will cover production and promotion costs for approximately 20 studentproduced plays, which are free to all students.

The Vietnamese Students Association, which was funded for the first time this year, received a 1,140 percent increase over its current \$200 budget Wednesday.

VSA was allocated \$2,480 for the 1992-93 year, \$1752 of which will cover seasonal events promoting Vietnamese culture on campus. The ASUO recommendation was \$2,480. VSA requested \$2,934.

The least controversial budget request heard Wednesday night was for the Latin American Support Committee, which proposed a 24 percent



decrease from this year's budget of \$3,559.

LASC requested and received \$2,715. The ASUO recommendation was \$2,715. At the end of its hearing, Lerma applauded the LASC's self-imposed cuts.

At Tuesday's meeting, the ASUO Executive received a substantial cut. This year's budget is \$174,639 and next year's will be \$169,063. That represents only a 3 percent decrease, but next year the ASUO budget also includes a new \$29,380 line item from the EMU for a state-mandated reserve for equipment repair in the student union building.

That amount had previously been in the EMU budget, but was passed on to the ASUO by the EMU Board of Directors last year.

The ASUO took severe cuts, mainly in staff stipends for students and symposium costs. ASUO President Jennifer Bills had proposed a budget, with lesser stipend and symposium cuts, of \$191,671.

Lerma pointed out that even with the new cuts for next year, each student will be paying more than \$10 a term for ASUO Executive expenses.

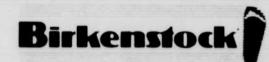
The ESCAPE program received a 7 percent decrease, with a new budget of \$12,612, down from the current budget of \$13,583. The cuts were made in stipends and office supplies.

The ASUO recommended a decrease of about 3 percent.

It was incorrectly reported in Wednesday's Emerald that IFC appointee Sue Dockstader would resign from her position as co-director of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance in order to serve on the IFC.

Dockstader, who was confirmed by the student senate Tuesday, will remain co-director of LGBA; however, she will no longer receive a stipend for her LGBA position.





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