

# IFC allocates to eight groups

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The Incidental Fee Committee allocated 1992-93 budgets to eight student groups this week, giving increases to four, decreases to three and first-time funding to one. Over \$193,000 in total was budgeted out.

At Wednesday's meeting, the IFC allocated a 12.7 percent increase to the Mediation Program for a new budget of \$22,096. This year, Mediation is receiving \$19,607. The budget passed 5-1-0 with IFC Chairwoman Lydia Lerma opposed.

Most of that increase will be used to supplement the pay of Director Jacquie Gibson, because a mandated salary increase for state employees is expected to go into effect soon.

Additional funds were also allocated to increase the work study line item. Gibson said the work load in her office continues to increase even though enrollment is dropping. The stress of higher tuition is putting an extra burden on students and some are less able to resolve conflicts as a result, Gibson said.

The Singapore Students Association was allocated \$2,508, a decrease over this year's budget of \$2,598. The group requested \$3,474.

Although the line item for the group's Cultural Show was increased slightly, the \$97 potluck line item was eliminated by the IFC. Lerma suggested the group hold that event off-campus instead of in the EMU, thereby eliminating the cost of EMU space.

SSA members disagreed with that and also with the small increase given the Cultural Show event. IFC Member Robert Cruz also voiced his opposition and announced his intent to bring the SSA budget back before the IFC for reconsideration.

Amnesty International received first-time funding of \$300, the usual amount for new groups. Lerma suggested not funding any new groups to keep fees down, but the allocation passed 3-2-1, with Lerma and Cruz opposed and Sara Dodge abstaining.

The Philosophy Club was unanimously allocated \$784, down from this year's budget of \$821. The IFC reduced administrative line items.


The IFC allocated \$168,091 to four student groups at Tuesday night's meeting, which lasted nearly six hours. All but one of the groups received increases in their 1992-93 budgets.

The largest budget heard Tuesday was the Oregon Daily Emerald, which received \$129,000, a 3 percent increase over this year's budget. The vote was 3-2-0, with Lerma and Cruz opposing the \$4188 increase.

The Emerald requested \$131,116, representing a 5 percent hike to cover increased printing costs. The ASUO budget analyst recommended that the IFC grant the Emerald's request. However, IFC budget analyst Steve Masat disagreed, recommending a 6 percent cut to reflect the expected enrollment drop.

A budget note was attached to the Emerald's budget stipulating that if decreased enrollment causes it to cut back circulation, the \$4,188 would be returned to the IFC surplus next year.

Emerald editors presented evidence that the percentage of the Emerald's budget funded by the



## IFC

GROUP	1991-92	1992-93	% CHANGE
Philosophy Club	\$821	\$784	- 4.5
Mediation	19,607	22,096	+ 12.7
Singapore Stud. Assoc.	2,598	2,508	- 3.5
Amnesty International	0	300	+ 300.0
Oregon Daily Emerald	124,872	129,000	+ 3.0
Saferide	15,756	15,922	+ 1.0
NASU	12,148	13,224	+ 9.0
MEChA	11,041	9,941	- 10.0

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IFC has decreased over the past three years, during which time the newspaper has received no significant IFC increases.

The 1992-93 budget granted by the IFC will cover 17.7 percent of the total operating costs for the student publication. The money will cover 93.5 percent of the Emerald's printing costs.

Project Saferide, the nighttime shuttle service for women, received a 1 percent increase of \$166. The ASUO recommendation for Saferide was \$15,890.

The IFC unanimously approved Saferide's request of \$15,922. After the vote Lerma said, "This is the first increase I have voted for all year."

The 1992-93 budget increase will allow Saferide to operate during the summer and will aid its efforts to purchase an additional van. Saferide co-directors Barbara Rodgers and Mona Gentry told the IFC that its ridership tripled last year and has already doubled this year.

"Every night we have to turn down about 10 women," Rodgers said.

The Native American Student Union got a 9 percent increase from the IFC Tuesday after a tension-filled hearing that lasted about two hours.

The IFC voted 3-2-1 to give NASU \$13,228. In an unusual move, Lerma abstained from the vote. Dodge and Anne Feig dissented.

Next year will be an important year for the group because it is the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the United States — described by NASU directors as the "500th year of oppression."

In memorial of this historical event, NASU will host the Indigenous People's Conference, which will culminate at the annual Fall Pow-wow. NASU appealed to the IFC to grant an increase in light of its special plans, which include bringing indigenous speakers from all over the world to the University.

"Given the timing and past history, I feel this (increase) is justified," said IFC member Andy Harris. "This is a drop in the bucket compared to everything we owe to Native Americans on this campus."

MEChA, the Latino-Chicano student union, was the only group to take a budget cut Tuesday night. MEChA voluntarily cut its own budget, requesting \$9,941, a 10 percent decrease from this year's \$11,041 budget. The ASUO recommendation was \$9,941 and the IFC unanimously concurred.



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