



Editor's note: Profiles of all the 19 candidates running for positions on the Incidental Fee Committee will run through next Tuesday. Interviews with the one-year candidates will run first.

Ed Carson

Ed Carson, candidate for a one-year IFC seat, is a sophomore planning to major in international studies. He is currently a student affairs reporter for the *Oregon Commentator*.

ODE: Do you favor across-the-board cuts as a means of keeping fees low?

Carson: I don't, because it takes out the human element. If we're going to have across-the-board cuts, we just might as well have a computer take the job.

ODE: How would you ensure that every group gets a fair hearing and a fair budget?

Carson: I can't make the other people on the committee give these budgets a fair hearing, but I know that I'm not going to show a personal bias against these groups because they are here to serve 15,000 to 16,000 students, and they're not here to serve me.

ODE: Do you believe it's appropriate to hold current group directors accountable for mismanagement by former directors?

Carson: It's not exactly fair because they're not responsible for past decisions, but then again, if there's no accountability at all then these groups will just have deficit spending and the next year's vehicle will say "It wasn't our fault."

If the student directors care about their group then they're not going to misappropriate funds because they'll know that there are going to be consequences.



ODE: Would you be in favor of cutting large budgets to compensate for increasing or maintaining the budgets of smaller groups?

Carson: This year's IFC cut a lot of the smaller budgets and increased a lot of the larger budgets, so I think I'm going to be spending more time examining the larger budgets for cuts just because some of the smaller budgets took large cuts.

ODE: Why should students vote for you?

Carson: I think I would be the voice of reason because a lot of times the committee gets bogged down in parliamentary procedures and personal biases. People don't examine the budgets as if they are allocating fees, but by whether they like the group or not.

Efrem Mehretab

Efrem Mehretab, a candidate for a one-year IFC seat, is a junior majoring in finance. He has been the financial coordinator for his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, for two years. Mehretab is also a member of the Black Student Union and the Office of Multicultural Affairs leadership team.

ODE: Do you favor across-the-board cuts as a means of keeping fees low, and if so, how much?

Mehretab: No. The ASUO programs are a necessity ... but I have ideas about where the money should come from.

I am sure you are well aware of the controversy with the EMU administration, management and their employees, and I think that is where the biggest cuts can come from. I would like a lot more student involvement in running the EMU, instead of paying these people \$50,000 to 60,000 a year.

I also have some other ideas about the athletic department. They get about \$1 million. I think athletics should be supported by athletics. I think the students need to get more involved in how they spend their money.

ODE: How would you ensure that every group gets a fair hearing and a fair budget?

Mehretab: I would look at every organization objectively, with a clean slate, not having any prejudice or personal feelings about the group. I would be very curious before giving any money to anybody about why they feel their group is important to the members.

ODE: Do you believe it's appropriate to hold current group directors accountable for mismanagement by former directors?

Mehretab: It's kind of unfair, but I think that's the only thing that they have to go on. I mean, we

can't look at the new president and say, "Well, he looks like he's going to manage this money better, so we can give him more money." It's irrational to say that.

I think our hands are tied. Even though in some cases it's unfair, we have no choice. So, I have to favor it.

ODE: Would you be in favor of cutting large budgets to compensate for increasing or maintaining the budgets of smaller groups?

Mehretab: To maintain the smaller groups, yes. In the economic position students are in now, I don't favor increases in many things. In what areas can we be more efficient? The EMU, the athletic department and LTD, which constitutes almost 70 percent of the budget.

ODE: Why should students vote for you?

Mehretab: I think I'm sincere. I really want what's best for the students. These tuition increases are ridiculous, and I understand the need for someone to know where his money is going.

I would look out for students' best interests, not a certain group's or person's, but the student body. With my background and my interest in financial management, and my dedication, I could be one of the better candidates.



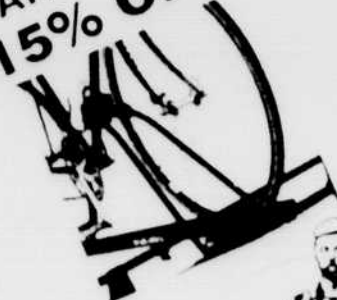
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