IFC CANDIDATE PROFILES

Russell Taylor

Russell Taylor, a candidate for a one-year IFC seat, is a junior majoring in computer science, biology and biochemistry. Taylor is currently the co-chair of the Carson-Earl Presidents' Council, which allocates funds for the housing complex.

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

Taylor: I favor a freeze of budgets, except in extreme cases, a major cut in EMU management, and a reduction in ticket subsidies for the athletic department. But no across-theboard cuts because I don't think those are workable.

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

Taylor: I'd try and meet with them before their budget hearing on a personal level if there's no scheduled meeting and try

to do research to get an idea of what funding they've in the past and how effectively they've been using their mon-

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

Taylor: Yes, because ideally the group should be working from all its members, not just the directors. You can fairly well assume that the group's kept the same membership from year to year.

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

Taylor: No. 1 don't think that's equitable. It should be based on the merits of the



group, not how much money they're getting.

ODE: Why should students vote for you?

Taylor: I have a history of working very hard on anything I work on. I am willing to gain any experience that I need for



support themselves.

ODE: Why should students vote for you?

Balderas: I believe that my first priority for the upcoming year, if I'm elected to the IFC, would be students, then after that, we need to look into low

Mark Brinkmann

Mark Brinkmann is a junior majoring in journalism (news/editorial) and political science. As ASUO publications coordinator, he manages the \$3,000 publications budget.

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

Brinkmann: No, I do not favor across-the-board cuts as a means of keeping incidental fees low simply because that unfairly damages programs. It removes services which students need, and I think it would have a tremendous impact on student jobs, especially in the EMU and at the athletic department.

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

Brinkmann: A fair hearing depends on the budget they formulate. I think it's going to go on a case-by-case basis.

I think we're going to try to do a lot of what the IFC is trying to do this year. By eliminating duplication and making sure students are running on a lean budget, the IFC will give them enough money as to where they can function.

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

Brinkmann: Yes, to the extent that if they go into deficit I think it's their program's fault. Most current program directors were involved in the program at the time when they ran into deficit. They knew the program was going into deficit, and oftentimes they could have helped stop it.

Plus, that's just part of the process of keeping everything above board. When George Bush leaves office, the guy after him is going to have to pick up where Bush left off. If he leaves



the recession, then the next guy is going to pick it up.

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

Brinkmann: Well, the two big budgets are the EMU and the athletic department. That's almost 70 percent of student fees. I think especially the EMU could take some cuts. The EMU's commercial space should be charged at market

It's just making those budgets more efficient, making the EMU pay for itself.

ODE: Why should students vote for you?

Brinkmann: I believe people should vote for me because I am one of those students who broke into student government as a total outsider. I interviewed for my position as ASUO executive without having any experience at all. I still see myself as an outsider in the student government process, and I think I can deal with all budgets fairly.

I am concerned with keeping incidental fees low but not at the cost of student programs.

Jose Balderas

Jose Balderas, candidate for a one-year IFC seat, is a sophomore majoring in Spanish literature and architecture and is a member of MEChA, the Latino/Chicano student group.

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

Balderas: If you are talking about a very deep cut, I don't favor that. I know that I'm paying a lot of fees, but I'd prefer to have a group running than just to shut it off. I think groups without money can't run.

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

Balderas: I would have to listen to what they say. I would have to look into maintaining low fees but at the same time keeping the groups running with the same potential they

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

Balderas: No. 1 think that if it's the same director as the last year, then you have to, but each director has their own way of running their group and sometimes it might be difficult for them to deal with what has been done in the past.

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

Balderas: Definitely, if we're talking about EMU management and the athletic department. I think they deserve a cut because they're making a lot of money, and they can probably







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