

IFC in violation of ASUO Constitution

The Incidental Fee Committee's 1992 resolutions are clearly unconstitutional and should be revoked.

The new language in the IFC's resolutions is an attempt to usurp power from the ASUO Executive Office. Whether that was the IFC's intent remains to be seen and will be determined by its willingness to rewrite the resolutions.

Three IFC resolutions are constitutionally unsound: Resolutions 92.8, 92.12 and 92.16. Resolution 92.8 requires the approval of the ASUO and the IFC before a group can spend more than \$1,500. It also reserves the right of the IFC to "permit the expenditure of any amount without" ASUO approval.

The first part of 92.8 is in direct violation of Section 6.7 of the ASUO Constitution, which prohibits IFC involvement after funds have been allocated to a group.

Every IFC funded group must submit a line-item budget to the IFC that accounts for every dollar requested. A lump-sum expenditure of more than \$800 already requires the approval of the ASUO. The IFC has no authority to permit or refuse the spending of the money once it has been allocated. That responsibility falls exclusively with the ASUO.

The second part of 92.8 is a gross violation of the constitution. Again, once funds are allocated, the IFC has no further control over how the money is spent, nor can it simply approve whatever expenditures it chooses.

Resolution 92.12 allows the IFC to "alter, restrict the title, use and amount of any incidental fee funded line item." This violates Section 6.7 of the ASUO Constitution, which reads in part: "Once allocated, there shall be no attempt to attach any further conditions or policies concerning the use of such accounts."

This means the IFC has absolutely no right to alter a group's funding once it has been approved.

The third, and most dangerous attempt to usurp power comes in the form of Resolution 92.16, which attempts to enforce a 1983 Constitution Court ruling and impose penalties on the ASUO for failure to act on the ruling.

The resolution restates the court's ruling, requiring the ASUO to freeze the budget of any IFC funded organization that violates any part of its line-item budget.

The IFC is attempting to write the court ruling into its resolutions, and threatens that the ASUO's failure to follow the ruling will be taken into consideration at the ASUO's budget hearing.

The IFC is not the enforcement arm of the Constitution Court and has absolutely no business threatening the ASUO's funding. The court ruling that the IFC attempts to use as justification for Resolution 92.16 actually forbids the IFC from carrying out any of the three resolutions.

The ruling specifically states that the ASUO, and not the IFC, has power of enforcement for all IFC approved budgets.

The IFC should remember that the principle of "checks and balances" applies to it as well as the ASUO, and that it is not the guardian of student government.



SOCKS GOES TO WASHINGTON.

LETTERS

Poor taste

First, I want to thank you for running the story about the young woman who died after her apparently suicidal jump off of PLC (ODE, Nov. 17). There were many rumors, and I'm glad the facts are being told. But I'm very disappointed in your show of poor taste and irreverence by running the cadaver story along with it.

Although it was an interesting story, to put it on the same page — twice — is of very poor taste, especially showing the picture of two people examining a body right below the suicide story on Page 4. For a brief disgusting moment, I thought you had published a picture of the woman's body.

I enjoy your paper. Please don't make any more of these journalistic "faux pas." It was a very large oversight and shouldn't have happened. Please have a little compassion and sympathy for those who saw it happen or those who knew her.

Kim Jellum
Psychology

Thinking man

To adapt the Hitler quotation with which Martin Fisher introduced his opinion column of Nov. 19: "What luck for newspaper editors that men do not think."

In his column, Fisher raises a serious charge. He alleges "the true OCA" is controlled by "four or five people" with an agenda that "seems to be one of power, pure and simple."

But Fisher neglects to name these people and offers little evidence that a thirst for power rather than a concern for conviction governs the leadership of the OCA. The label "opinion" is no excuse for sloppy journalism and character assassination.

Howard Killion
Eugene

Stop the silence

How much more evidence of Serbian brutality do world governments need before they take some action? ABC showed that the Serb forces are shooting children. Serbian forces have even attacked a funeral procession and busses carrying people.

After World War II, the world's major governments agreed to prevent a second hol-

ocaust. The way the Bosnian Muslims are being exterminated is reminiscent of the beginning of the Nazi Holocaust.

The inability of the so-called Islamic governments to take effective measures to help Bosnia have both helped the vicious Serb forces continue their inhuman behavior and allowed the United Nations to maintain a hypocritical stance.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is the only Islamic nation that is effectively helping Bosnian Muslims — while the Saudi King and the Kuwait Sheik spend Muslims' money for things contrary to Islam.

According to the CIA, the Serbs have 300 tanks, 200 armored personnel carriers and between 700 and 800 pieces of heavy artillery, plus a massive air force. The Bosnian defenders only have two tanks, two armored personnel carriers and less than two dozen artillery pieces.

The world continues to shamefully block Bosnian access to the international arms market. Indeed the world is telling Bosnians to die quietly and lose every trace of human dignity. This is a humiliation for the world. The world nations, with their silence, give Serb forces a "license to kill."

Silence is not the answer. The world should stand up for peace and justice.

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Potential offense

Continuing in its tradition of publishing offensive ads, the *Emerald* offers up this gem: "Every man is a potential rapist."

As men, we find the label of "potential rapist" possibly even more offensive than "potential sex object." If the *Emerald* advertising department showed poor judgment in running Lollipops ads, certainly it has done so again.

As a matter of fact, we never even saw the Lollipops ad until it was pointed out in the Letters to the Editor section. This ad, on the other hand, is bigger than any of the actual news on the page. The only purpose this ad would seem to accomplish is the alienation of half of potential supporters of this group.

Following the ad's line of reasoning, the group Men Against Rape is rife with potential rapists and all the women

should beware.

It seems to us that the lack of good judgment has reached epidemic proportions around here.

Jon Egging
English
Paul Taylor
Japanese

Observe

As a new student I find myself experiencing new things, from voting rallies to political protests. However, on Wednesday, Nov. 11, we went without. There were no ceremonies, no banners, nothing.

Then to hear that we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and not Veteran's Day surprised me. Granted, this college is quite liberal. But to celebrate one holiday and not another is disappointing. I believe paying tribute to our veterans is just as important as honoring King.

To shun one holiday due to its lack of popularity on campus is unjust. Just as constitutional rights are guaranteed and observed to and for everyone, holidays too should be recognized by students, much less state universities.

Not to say everyone need agree with them, just respect them.

Christopher Lancefield
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IFC Bad

In response to Friday's *ODE* article on the ASUO/IFC (Nov. 20), I find it frightening that the IFC is expanding its power to control any aspect of the ASUO. This inept group can barely take care of itself, let alone tell the ASUO how to handle matters.

This is a group, in one funding fiasco, that didn't know if it had \$11, \$110 or \$1,100 to allocate. Yet it feels qualified to exercise even the most minor control over the ASUO?

I realize the IFC has only the right intentions in its attempt. After all, thanks to the mighty Oregon voter, we are suffering a severe shortage of funds. Greater budgetary constraint is required by all IFC-funded organizations. However, extra-constitutional means are not the way to achieve this.

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