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Five of eight groups get increases

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The Incidental Fee Committee moved to table a student group's hearing Thursday after almost two hours of wrangling over budget items.

IFC member Ed Carson motioned that the International Student Association budget be heard at a later date after the committee and the ISA could not reach a clear understanding on 11 of the group's 13 individual budgets.

Although IFC Chairman Steve Masat urged the committee to continue hearing the ISA budget, committee members Efram Mehretab, Ed Carson, Zoe Pargot and Jose Balderas all voted to suspend the budget hearing.

In other business Thursday, the IFC approved four student groups' 1993-94 budgets and two special requests.

The IFC allocated a 5.1 percent increase to the Crisis Center.

The Crisis Center will use the money to staff a 24-hour hot line for students in crisis, said Crisis Center Director Kimberly Balsam.

Avenu, a magazine published by students in the school of Architecture and Allied Arts, received a 2 percent budget decrease.

Avenu Editor Kamomi Solidum said the magazine requested less money because it didn't use all of its money last year.

Saferide received a 4.6 percent increase from this year's budget.

The ASUO Constitution Court budget remained the same as this year's.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association received a \$2,610 special request from the IFC surplus fund to sponsor a film festival.

Legal Services received \$3,000 special request to increase the amount of hours attorney John Davidson works with students.

Davidson said he now is paid for working 15 hours a week, but he usually works many more hours helping students with legal problems.

Incidental Fee Committee members continued to approve significant 1993-94 budget increases for student groups Monday.

The Black Law Students' Association garnered the largest increase at Monday's IFC meeting, picking up \$1,600.

The most substantial portion of the BLSA budget increase - \$500 - will fund a mentor program for African-American law, undergraduate and high school students.

BLSA member Lisa Lawrence said the money will pay for supplementary course study aids and pre-law workshops. Lawrence also said the money would help the BLSA establish ties with African-American students from local high schools.

The IFC approved the BLSA's budget request on a 4-2 vote. Committee members Ed Carson and

GROUP	1992-93	1993-94	% CHANGE
Com. for Musical Arts	\$4,535	\$4,400	- 3
Black Law Student Assoc.	1,035	1,600	+ 54.6
Women's Resource	6,283	6,354	+ 1
Sister University Project	2,318	3,118	+ 34.5
Crisis Center	14,399	15,136	+ 5.1
Avenu	3,354	3,285	- 2
Saferide	15,922	16,661	+ 4.6
Constitutional Court	1,235	1,235	0

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Anne Wagoner voted against the increase.

Before voting against the increase, Carson proposed cutting funding for the mentor program to \$300 and suggested the BLSA limit its program to undergraduate and law students. Carson said it would be more appropriate for the undergraduate Black Student Union to mentor high school students.

In other hearings, the IFC voted 4-1-1 to increase the 1993-94 budget for the Sister University Project by 34.5 percent. Carson voted against the motion, while Efram Mehretab abstained.

The Sister University Project, which is affiliated with the National University of El Salvador, seeks to educate Eugene and the University community about El Salvador and human rights abuses there, said project member Ed Dorsch.

Dorsch also said his group seeks and sends material aid, such as book and medical supplies, to the country, as well as student delegations. After returning to Eugene, students present slide shows and speak to University classes about their experiences in El Salvador.

While the ASUO executive committee had recommended \$2,561 (a 7.6 percent increase from 1992-93), project members sought \$3,173, saying they wanted to pay for a student from El Salvador to visit and speak to University students and classes.

Committee member Lydia Lerma voiced her support for granting the full amount requested by the project, saying the University community needed to be informed about what's going on in El Salvador and that the project provided the information.

Masat agreed with Lerma, and noted that very few student groups on campus addressed international issues.

In other business Monday, the IFC approved a 1 percent increase for the Women's Resource and Referral and a 3 percent decrease for the Committee for Musical Arts.

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