

Committee reverses plan to break-up EMU budgets

By Tammy Batey and Chester Allen
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Reversing a decision made earlier this year, the Incidental Fee Committee voted Thursday to hear the entire EMU budget consecutively rather than during eight separate meetings.

Committee member Efram Mehretab sparked the policy change when he moved to suspend the hearing of a portion of the EMU budget.

Mehretab said he was uncomfortable with an earlier vote to break-up the EMU's budget hearing.

Committee members Anne Wagoner and Ed Carson supported Mehretab, voting to hear the EMU budget during the first week of April.

EMU board members opposed the committee's earlier plan, saying dividing the budget was an attempt to control the EMU's use of student money.

Committee Chairman Steve Masat said the committee should not change policy while three members were absent.

Committee members Zoe Pargot, Lydia Lerma and Jose Balderas did not attend the meeting.

Masat said he believed the IFC's vote would be overturned during a meeting of the entire committee.

Carson said the entire committee should review the issue during a special meeting next week.

"We should get the other members here as soon as possible to make a final decision," Carson said. "It should be one hell of a meeting."

Relations between the EMU and IFC were also at issue during Monday night's IFC meeting.

The IFC granted half the special request of the Child Care & Development Centers for the construction of new playground equipment at Moss House Preschool Program.

Several IFC members said they believed money for the playground structures should come out of the EMU Equipment Fund.

"The EMU Board thinks 'Let's just shuffle it to the IFC because we can get a few thousand there,'" Carson said. "Especially with the EMU taking more authority it seems they should pay for it."

CCDC had requested \$9,000 to build new structures at Moss House and at Villard House Toddler Program. IFC members voted to allocate \$4,500 to replace the more damaged of the two structures.


Regina Claypool-Frey, EMU CCDC Parent Council chairwoman, said the present state of the playground equipment is dangerous for the children.

The tenuous relationship between the IFC and the EMU Board came up when IFC members discussed the EMU Craft Center's budget Monday, but the committee eventually decided on a \$113,227 budget.

The IFC approved a 10.3 percent increase in the Student Senate's budget. John Thomas, Student Senate president, said the group has been active in recent years and more money would help.

The IFC also decided the budgets of Panhellenic Council and the American Institute of Architecture Students and granted a special request by the Latin American Support Committee for \$1,000 to pay for the expenses of bringing Chilean poet Cecilia Vicuna to the University.

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



GROUP	1992-93	1993-94	% CHANGE
Panhellenic Council	\$7,839	\$7,777	- 1
AIAS	395	407	+ 3
Student Senate	7,332	8,087	+10.3
EMU Craft Center	112,800	113,227	+ .004
LASC	2,715	2,368	- 13
Dance Oregon!	3,872	4,318	+11.5
Pre-law Society	0	250	-
Legal Services	70,539	73,101	+ 3.6

Graphic by Jeff Paslay

The Latin American Support Committee received a 13 percent budget decrease from this year's budget because committee members said the group has been dormant for the past year.

The committee also decided the budgets of Dance Oregon!, The Pre-Law Society, which was not funded last year, and Legal Services.

The committee Thursday approved a Hong Kong Student Association internal budget transfer of \$400, and OSPIRG received \$200 to pay for a member's travel expenses to a conference in Illinois.



Although the original fire-damage estimate for the Sigma Phi Epsilon house was \$35,000, members say costs will be \$110,000.

Fraternity suffers after fire damage

By Matt Bender
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The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house is low on both live-in members and morale after a fire gutted the third floor of the chapter's house two weeks ago.

Tuesday, Feb. 23, a fire that was started by a space heater left the third floor of the fraternity badly damaged. The flames were contained to the room containing the space heater and the corridor outside the room, but smoke and heat damage made the rest of the floor unliveable.

Dave Swartley, Sigma Phi Epsilon president, said 26 members of the fraternity had to move out after the fire.

"We only have about 10 guys left living in the house," he said. "It's real tough on morale for the house because we were used to seeing each other every day."

Swartley said Sigma Phi Epsilon, 1000 Alder St., used to have 36 members living in its house. He said two members

had to move back into the dorms, a few others moved into live-out members' houses, and 20 members are now living in the Eugene Motor Lodge.

The fraternity is currently paying the costs of the members' motel bill but is hoping its insurance company will reimburse them. Swartley said the insurance is going to cover most of the damage the fraternity suffered in the fire.

The repairs to the third floor will end up costing about \$110,000, Swartley said. Original Eugene fire department estimates said the damage was around \$35,000.

"It's a lot worse than it seemed in the beginning," he said. "Everything on the floor was smoke damaged."

Contractors estimate that it will cost \$70,000 to repair the structural damage to the third floor. Swartley said he hopes insurance will cover most of the structural damage.

An additional \$40,000 damage

was done to the contents of the third floor. Some of the items damaged are covered under the members' parents' homeowners insurance policies.


The fraternity is also planning a fund-raising drive that will help cover additional costs.

"We are planning tentatively with our alumni board to start fund raising in a couple of weeks," Swartley said, "so we can pay for repairs and improvements to the house."

Contractors have just started to begin work on the Sigma Phi Epsilon house this week. The carpet has been torn up and contractors are starting to tear down the damaged third floor.

Swartley said the contractors estimated the house repairs will be done in two months.

The two members of the fraternity who were injured in the fire two weeks ago are both doing fine, Swartley said. After the fire, Mark Nguyen, whose room the fire started in, spent a day in the hospital.



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