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and failure to complete necessary paperwork on time.

Since last summer, the committee and the EMU Board of Directors have been arguing over the committee's attempt to restrict how the EMU uses student fees. Although University President Myles Brand ruled the committee could not tell the EMU how to spend money. Masat has continued to insist the committee has a right to influence how any recipient of student fees spends the money.

The IFC has also clashed with the EMU board over the committee's plan to examine each EMU program's budget separately from the overall EMU budget request.

EMU board Chairman Joe Grube said he believes the committee's hearing plan is yet another IFC attempt to control how the EMU spends its money.

In an effort to end the turmoil in student government, Brand has proposed taking away the committee's authority to allocate student fees to the EMU. His plan would give the EMU board the authority to allocate student money to the EMU.

Some members of the EMU board, such as Grube and Sara Dodge, believe Brand's plan is a good idea because the IFC doesn't have the time or expertise to examine the EMU budget in detail.

Believing student control of fees was in jeopardy, Lee convened a meeting of the ASUO, EMU board and the IFC to formulate a response to Brand's plan. In what may be an indication of the disorganized state of the IFC, only three of the six eligible committee members showed up for the meeting.

Poor attendance at scheduled meetings has been a problem for the committee throughout the year, especially during this term. The committee has missed at least one meeting a week since the beginning of the term and canceled two recent meetings because too few members attended to form a legal quorum.

Although two members, Jose Balderas and Zoe Pargot, resigned from the committee this term, the IFC has always had enough members to form a quorum.

Because of the hearing controversy and the canceled meetings, the EMU has had its budget hearing canceled three times this year, and EMU staff and board members are wondering whether the committee will approve their budget by the May 24 deadline.

In addition to the committee's attendance and political problems, Lee said he believes the committee has failed to keep up with routine bookkeeping chores.

Because the committee could not deal with an accounting problem, Lee said he was forced to illegally transfer money within ASUO accounts to pay work study students this month.

Many groups funded by the committee don't complain about the committee's actions because they are afraid the IFC will reduce their funding, Lee said.

Masat dismissed Lee's comments about the committee and said the IFC would finish its work by the deadline.

Even if the committee pulls together and finishes the budget season, it is likely that Brand will take the EMU budget away from the committee.

In that case, many student government leaders believe less student control of student money will be the lasting legacy of this year's Incidental Fee Committee.



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