

Student Senate adds two to IFC

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The Student Senate confirmed two students to the Incidental Fee Committee Tuesday night.

Among the qualifications needed were: involvement on campus, some budgetary skills and past experience in the ASUO and other campus organizations. Characteristics that were considered important were objectivity and time management skills.

The new members need to try to be objective when allocating large amounts of money to the various groups and organizations. Time management was crucial because the IFC wants to make sure that its members' outside and extracurricular activities don't interfere with meetings.

The Senate confirmed Samir Kumar and Kris Cornwell to the IFC, and confirmed law students Lisa Lawrence, Keith Kramer and Matthew McCauley to the Constitution Court.

Some initial responses from the new members were positive and enthusiastic.

"I'm relieved and I'm excited about this new committee," said Cornwell, a sophomore. "I believe that once we're committed to get something done, we're getting it done."

Although the new IFC may become a well-rounded, organized and enthusiastic group, there wasn't always a time when things looked so positive, especially last year.

Some of the members who served spring term of last year faced problems on the board. Throughout the year, some of the committee members became burned out or uninterested in the IFC.

Also, personal conflicts between some of the members took a toll on the IFC as a whole. Some of

the members decided to leave because of the turmoil and others quit because of time conflicts or because they were graduating.

Normally, the positions on the IFC are elected positions that are voted on in conjunction with the voting for the ASUO Executive.

Because of recent changes in the committee, a burden was left on the shoulders of the IFC and ASUO President Eric Bowen. This term, it was Bowen's responsibility to recommend students to the positions available on the IFC.

Bowen was very confident that the students he recommended were willing to put in the time and energy to get the job done. Also, many of the IFC members were persuaded that the new members were capable of doing a fine job. The Student Senate, virtually without a doubt, confirmed Bowen's appointments.

Many of the candidates were aware of how important the selection of the IFC was going to be in order not to repeat some of the incidents of last spring.

"They (the present IFC) wanted to improve on the members. Last year's lack of effort and progress led to the attendance problem that some members had. But this new batch of members should help out with cutting down on internal problems," said Kumar, a sophomore.

"I want more insight on student fees and to dispel some myths that students may have about the committee," Cornwell said. "But more students need to attend the meetings and advocate their needs, especially if they need funding from the IFC. It's a partnership; there's some give and take involved in this."

Treasure hunt begins next week

University students who take part in Homecoming Week festivities will discover a new activity — a treasure hunt on campus, with the lucky winner receiving a 27-inch Sony television.

Beginning Monday, a three-by-five-inch plaque will be hidden on the University campus. It will not be buried, and no structure must be moved or climbed to find it.

To help students, clues will appear each day next week in the *Emerald*. The clues will be written by Keith Richard, University archivist, and Constance Weatherman of the Student University Relations Council.

To receive the prize, the winner must take the plaque to the receptionist in the Office of the President in Johnson Hall.

Participants must be University students taking six or more

credits during fall term. University faculty and staff are excluded, but student employees may participate. Taxes, if any, are the responsibility of the winner.

If the plaque is not found by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, the prize will be awarded through a drawing during halftime of the Oct. 30 football game. The contest is co-sponsored by Meier & Frank and the Student University Relations Council.

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