

SENATE

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because it will be nearly impossible for (groups) to prove that a computer is essential to their primary mission."

If the student group gets past the first two steps, then funding must be passed by 75 percent of the senators. Even if the Senate approves to disburse funds, a maximum of \$1,000 will be allocated for each computer. The Senate also imposed a \$5,000 spending cap on all budget requests for new computers.

However, Rhinard said the ASUO Executive Office maintains a "federal reserve depreciation" account of \$35,000 from which student groups can also draw funds.

"Now, the savvy program will say, 'OK, I'll get \$1,000 from the ASUO, I'll get \$1,000 from the Student Senate,' — that's fine. Let them do that," he said. "Whatever extra [money] they need, they can fund-raise." Rhinard did acknowledge, however, that some groups may not have community support for fund-raising.

The Senate's decision to pass this resolution came at the heels of the Black Student Union's request on Oct. 2 for \$2,370 to help pay for a new IBM computer.

As of press time, BSU representatives were not available for comment.

At one point, the Senate approved a motion to postpone discussion, until the next meeting, on the amendment asking groups to specify how it could fulfill its primary mission without a computer. Without discussion or approval of this key amendment, the Senate once again could not come to a decision on whether or not to approve the BSU's request.

Rhinard criticized the Senate for not coming up with some sort of plan. "I think we're setting a terrible precedent on waffling on issues," he said. "It would be nice to understand that we are a body within a big-

ger body and we should be able to form some kind of cohesive opinion together. I would support the motion to table [the amendment] — for now — but I don't want to create the impression that we are putting off these different groups."

A few minutes later, the Senate voted to put the amendment back on the floor for discussion. Debate on the resolution centered on why the Senate should tap into its surplus account when money had already been budgeted for computer equipment. In addition to the computers in the SMRC, the computing lab in the EMU holds 121 computers for student use.

"I don't like this idea of giving money for computers out of surplus," said Senator Joey Lyons, elected last year to represent the Senate on the ASUO Programs Finance Committee. "This has never, ever been done before. ... The reason why the IFC paid for — in full — the SMRC was for the (student group) programs to use its computers."

Lyons also contended that the IFC has already set aside money in the equipment reserve fund for capital expenditures, such as computers. In the past, the surplus account, Lyons said, has been used to help pay for emergency funding requests by different student groups and not computer equipment.

"The ASUO has all this money and all these resources," Lyons said. "I don't see why we need to consider this. In my opinion, [the Senate] shouldn't be funding computers at all..."

Rhinard said the ASUO has no control over the equipment reserve fund. Fisher said he was concerned that if the Senate starts deciding which student group receives funds for computers, they would leave themselves open to accusations of racism.

"If our policy somehow involves selecting various amounts of money for different organizations, it will be a very short period of time before people start accusing us of discrimination and racism," he said.

Senate votes to allocate surplus fund

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The Student Senate granted \$4,395 in surplus funds to pay for the ASUO's legal services compensation. The Senate also approved the release of \$1,980 to continue the University's membership with the United States Student Association.

A senator raised concern that the Senate does not know how much money is available in the surplus account to fund special requests.

The surplus account comes from the total unspent revenue of approximately 123 student groups on campus.

If a student group does not spend all of its allocated budget, it surrenders the money left over at the end of the year to the ASUO. The ASUO then places the unspent revenue into the surplus account.

Senator Joey Lyons, who served on the Incidental Fee Committee last year, said there was "at least \$50,000" in the surplus account. Estimates ran as high as \$100,000.

Senator Martin Fisher motioned that the Senate postpone any decisions on budget requests until the ASUO releases the exact amount in the surplus account.

ASUO Finance Coordinator Kristin McCown said her office would try to provide exact numbers on the surplus account by the end of today.

Fisher's motion to postpone all decisions on budget requests failed.

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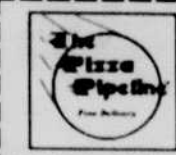


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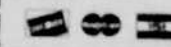
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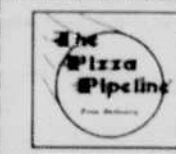
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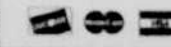
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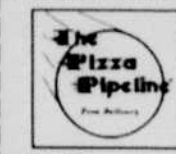


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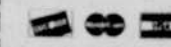
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COST: Free

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WHERE: EMU Ballroom
COST: Free

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