

Finance committee reviews inaction, growth for new budgets

■ **REQUESTS:** The finance committee increased four budgets and decreased several others

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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee (PFC) approved seven student group budgets on Saturday, including the Office of Student Advocacy (OSA), Students For The Ethical Treatment Of Animals (SETA) and the Coalition Against Environmental Racism (CAER).

The OSA, which helps defend students' rights in conduct and rules cases, asked for a 25 percent increase from this year's \$68,654 allocation.

Audre Bonadea, student defender supervisor, said much of their \$86,278 request would go toward increased hours for their assistant administrative director, Mary Lewis. Bonadea said Lewis, who answers phones as well as



administering payroll, is invaluable to the day-to-day operations of the office.

If Lewis cannot be promoted to a full-time

position, student employees would have to work in her place and quality could possibly suffer, Bonadea said.

"For what we do, it's extremely important for us to have an air of professionalism," she said.

The PFC increased the administrative position to 30 hours a week as well as lowering other specific requests, granting \$78,760 and a 4 percent increase to the OSA.

SETA had requested a 656.25 percent increase, which would raise their budget to \$1,050. However, the PFC said the group is still a growing program and could not justify this increase.

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The 5-member ASUO Programs Finance Committee, which includes three student senators, will recommend how incidental fees are allocated to student groups next year.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
OSA	\$78,760	+4.15
Project Saferide	32,161	-4.84
Pocket Playhouse	1,677	+6.4
Singapore Student Assoc.	2,950	-2.67
SETA	478	+196.75
Survival Center	12,833	+7.73
Coalition Against Envir. Racism	3,105	+100.0
Money given this week:		\$131,964
Money given to date:		780,767

"We wanted to give them enough money to be able to grow, but we can't give everyone what they want," said Susan Anderson, chairperson of the PFC.

Instead, SETA received \$478. Much of this money will be spent on speakers and films.

These are their "most effective tools," said Chris Kantrowitz, a PFC member.

The Survival Center sought more than \$14,000, a 2.12 percent increase for their 1996-97 budget. Because of group inactivity last year, however, the PFC did not grant this increase and instead decreased the program's budget by more than 7 percent.

Kevin Aaron, a co-coordinator of the Center, said he was surprised by the PFC's decision because of the group's performance so far this year, which has included work on issues ranging from police reform to human rights violations in Chiapas and Tibet.

"I felt like our actions would kind of speak for themselves," he said.

The PFC made their decision to give the group \$12,833 based on the fact that large portions of last year's Survival Center budget were not spent. PFC member Shamus Lynsky said these surpluses surprised him because he knows the Center is very active.

"It was surprising for me to see these excesses," he said.

CAER, a group that had formally been funded under the Survival Center, received their own budget on Saturday. They will use this budget to fund their annual environmental racism conference along with other educational programs.

Teresa Huntsinger, CAER's director, said despite their new budget of \$3,105, her group will still need more money to put on their activities.

"We still are going to continue to need to do a lot of fund raising," she said.

The Singapore Student Association received \$2,950. This is a decrease of 2.67 percent from last year. The association had requested \$800 for groceries and other budget items. The PFC cannot allocate funds for anything related to food.

Project Saferide asked for a 3.5 percent budget decrease and received a 4.8 percent reduction from the board. Board members cited unnecessary items such as wheelchair accessibility when they approved the \$32,161 budget.

"We're looking to cut wherever we can," Anderson said.

The Pocket Playhouse, a student-run theater organization, received \$1,677 from the board. This is a 6.4 percent increase. While the theater group asked for a 30 percent increase, board members said they weren't ready to accept such a proposal because of the behavior of last year's playhouse.

As part of the budget process, the PFC has to look at groups' progress and behavior from year to year, Senator Sean Martin said.

Beer: Brewmasters turn the hobby into a brewing business

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really makes it unenjoyable," Aman said.

But others at the expo saw the crowds as something to their advantage.

Tony Dilley, brewmaster of the Siletz Brewing Company, said the exposition really helped with name recognition for his four-month-old company.

While the folks at Siletz have yet to bottle their nut brown or amber ales, they have had a lot of requests from bar owners for their kegs.

Dilley, who was a commercial fisherman in Alaska for 20 years, quit the fish business after he broke his back. He then decided to turn his hobby, beer making, into a commercial venture.

"I figured, 'What's the worst thing that can happen to me by going into this business?' — I

can rot my liver or I can go broke, both of which won't really kill me," Dilley said.

And while I am in no way a self-acclaimed beer critic, I insert my opinion here. Possibly the most foul concoction I ever had the displeasure of spending \$2 of my parents' hard-earned money on, was the John Barley-corn ale of the Jamaica Red ale, from "the heart of the Redwoods," Humboldt County.

"Stick to pot," my friend Erika said. Well said.

Like a combination of NyQuil and Mentholatum, this unbelievably bad brew left me licking my palms and a-runnin' to the flooded bathroom to dispose of this concoction.

While it was waste of laundry money, I did wake up with the darndest of clear sinuses the next morning.

And the best? I really don't remember.

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