

PFC grants budget increases to seven groups for '97-'98

■ **MONEY:** One group failed to attend its budget hearing and was denied funding

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The Programs Finance Committee granted increases in the 1997-98 allocation for seven student group budgets on Saturday and decided not to fund one student group because it failed to attend its scheduled budget hearing.

The Lesbian and Gay Law Student Association requested \$2,384, a 29 percent increase from its 1996-97 budget. However, because LGLSA did not show up for its hearing, it will receive no student funding for next year. LGLSA can now go before the Student Senate for a special request for funding, but the group is not allowed to go through the PFC appeals process.

The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils requested \$17,140, a 10.11 percent increase. Each group has a separate budget, but because both deal with the same issues on campus

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1997-98 budgets:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Panhellenic/Interfraternity Council	\$16,490	+5.9%
University Theater	\$23,400	+4.7%
Black Student Union	\$16,715	+6.9%
Chinese Student Association	\$5,454	+17.0%
Taiwanese Student Association	\$532	+1.01%
Pre-Law Society	\$333	+51.0%

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and the budgets were the same, the PFC scheduled a joint budget hearing.

Both councils requested increases in printing and duplication in order to mail postcards to all incoming students, as well as to mail anti-hazing booklets to parents of new Greek members. The PFC granted the increases and approved the total Panhellenic/IFC budget at \$16,490, a 5.94 percent increase overall.

The University Theatre requested a budget of \$23,400, an increase of 4.7 percent to pay for student ticket subsidies and defray the costs of students to attend the Northwest Drama Con-

ference. The University Theatre's budget was approved as requested.

The Black Student Union requested \$17,846.50, a 14 percent increase over its 1996-97 budget. The BSU brings such events as a Graduation Celebration for African-American students, a Black Arts Festival and History of People of African Descent events to campus each year.

There was discussion over changing the office manager position from work study to a stipend position. The BSU said it wanted to make this change because it has had difficulty finding work study students to fill this posi-

tion. However, PFC member Aleena Kliever said no other student group has four stipend positions, and the PFC aims for continuity among stipend allocation for ASUO groups.

The PFC approved changing the office manager to a \$450 stipend, which could also be used for work study should the BSU find a student to fill the position. BSU's budget overall was approved at \$16,715, a 6.9 percent increase for the 1997-98 year.

The Chinese Student Association requested a budget of \$7,751, a 64.85 percent increase. The request would cover the costs of international long distance calling, a stipend webmaster position, various operational expenses and a Chinese New Year Celebration — a new activity for the CSA.

A number of amendments were made to the CSA's budget. The requested webmaster position was not funded. The line item for China night was increased by \$500 to total \$2,000. After deliberating and amending a number of line items, the budget was approved at \$5,454, an

increase of 17 percent.

The Taiwanese Student Association requested \$621.50, up from its 1996-97 allocation of \$462. It was given \$532 based on its new student reception and other activities, printing and duplication costs and a new office supplies line item.

The Pre-Law Society, a group for students interested in the legal system — either by attending law school or pursuing a field associated with the legal system — requested \$556 as compared to its \$220 allocated for the 1996-97 school year. Increases in postage, office supplies and speakers accounted for the large increase requested. The PFC allocated increases in each of these categories, though not as high as the society requested. The Pre-Law Society was allocated \$333 for the 1997-98 school year, an increase of 51 percent.

The Pocket Playhouse's budget was not heard because it was turned in late to the PFC. The PFC voted 6 to 1 not to hear the budget at all because other student budgets turned in after the deadline were not reviewed or rescheduled to go before the PFC.

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