

Committee approves increase in its own budget

■ The PFC's budget hike for 2001-02 is attributed to a new ASUO stipend model

By Beata Mostafavi
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In what might have been the shortest Programs Finance Committee meeting of the term, the PFC granted itself a nearly 41 percent increase for next year's budget on Tuesday.

Much of the increase is in response to a new stipend model that will go into effect next year. The new model standardizes

stipend amounts for all ASUO programs, so the monthly pay students receive for their work may increase in some cases.

The committee allocated the Pre-Dental Club, beginning its second year with about 20 members, \$455. Although this amount was significantly less than their request of \$760, co-President Boaz Yung said the outcome has motivated him to spend the group's budget carefully and prioritize finances.

"For the most part, they justified why they took off what they did," he said. "And this helps us focus more on where the money should go."

Programs Financing

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee has committed \$415,388 so far for next year's program budget. That represents a 14.79 percent increase over last year's funding — more than the PFC's 3 percent benchmark.

ORGANIZATION	2001-02	2000-01	% CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM THIS YEAR
Programs Finance Committee	\$7,944	\$5,649	40.63%	\$2,295
Pre-Dental Club	\$455	\$300	51.67%	\$155
Avenue	0	0	0	0
Total	\$8,399	\$5,949	41.18%	\$2,450

ASUO controller Danielle Hathaway recommended that both groups increase fundraising ef-

orts. "I think fundraising makes the group stronger and everyone gets

to see them more on campus," she said. "It would benefit the group and other students as well."

Author to present book regarding Chinese immigrants

■ The reading tonight is part of a series hosted by the University's creative writing program

By Brooke Ross
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As part of the University's Creative Writing Reading Series, writer Lan Samantha Chang will give a free public reading of her book "Hunger," a collection of short narratives about the experi-

ences of Chinese immigrants who move to America.

She will hold the reading in the Browsing Room of the Knight Library at 8 p.m. tonight.

Chang is a fellow at Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University but is taking a break to work on a new novel.

"The stories explore the tension the characters face between their past and future as the country they were in begins receding further and further from their memory,"

Chang said.

The novella Chang will read from revolves around a child torn between obeying her parents and being independent.

"It's a generational conflict between the parents and the children," she said.

Debra Gwartney, administrative director for the creative writing program, said every writer who participates in the program's reading series holds a book reading, visits creative writing classes and

meets with graduate students.

"I think Chang will really be able to relate to our graduate students because she's young and new," she said.

Chang is only one of about 10 fiction and poetry writers who visit the University each academic year, Gwartney said, adding that the program has existed for more than 10 years.

"The series has proven to be a main component for community outreach for the creative writing

program," she said.

Russell Tomlin, associate dean for humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences, said the reading series receives support from the college because creative writing is an independent program through the college's humanities department.

Tomlin, who attends most of the writers' presentations, said the audience experiences "the real thing."

"These are some of the finest voices in writing America right now," he said.

Senate fills 5 vacant ASUO positions

■ After two new student senators are appointed, one last slot remains empty

By Emily Gust
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It was a busy night of confirmation Wednesday as the ASUO Student Senate filled five vacant ASUO positions, including two on the senate.

Junior business major Marc Daniel Domond and Andrew Elliott, a law student, are the two newest members of the senate, which has had three open spots since the end of fall term.

Domond, who has worked with the Black Student Union, said he does not know much about the senate but is willing to learn.

"What we're really trying to advocate is experience in programs," ASUO Vice President Holly Magn-

er said, speaking in favor of Domond.

Elliott said he has the ability to work well with student groups.

"I've always known him to be a great leader and someone who is not afraid to speak his mind," Student President Peter Watts said.

There is still one empty position on the senate.

In other confirmations, Arlie Adkins will fill the open spot on the Programs Finance Committee. Adkins worked in the ASUO office last year as both an executive projects coordinator and a state affairs coordinator.

Jeff Oliver, currently the ASUO housing advocate, joined the Athletic Department Finance Committee, and sophomore finance major Ben Buzbee was added to the EMU finance board.

But the most substantial debate arose out of a \$900 transfer request

from the Returning Students Association, a request that was finally tabled until next week.

RSA has co-director positions that receive stipends and two other positions that do not. One co-director does not want to be paid, so the RSA asked to use that money to pay for the non-stipend positions.

Last year, the senate made an agreement with the PFC that no new stipend positions would be added while they implement a new stipend model.

Some senators viewed the request as a special case, but others argued it would set precedent for other groups to ask for new stipend positions.

In other business, the senate granted Model United Nations \$2,898 from surplus for a conference in Berkeley and approved a \$300 transfer for the Women in Law Forum.

Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 18

Work and Family Services Discussion: "The Transition to Kindergarten and Elementary Education," Part A, with Karen Logvin, Work and Family Services. Pre-register at 346-3159. Noon-1 p.m. Walnut Room, EMU. Free.

MLK Celebration: Mark Tracy, Diversity Programs, discusses "King's Perfect Social Movement: Elements of the Montgomery Bus Boycott." 1:30-2:30 p.m. Multicultural Center, EMU. Free.

Center for the Study of Women in Society Teaching and Tea: Ann Tedards, Music, presents "Twentieth-Century Women Composers: A Retrospective." 4-5:30 p.m. Room 330 Hendricks Hall. Free.

MLK Celebration: The Black Student Union sponsors a workshop, "Urban Legends." 6:30-8:30 p.m. Multicultural Center, EMU. Free.

Creative Writing Reading: Short story writer Lan Samantha Chang, author of "Hunger," reads from and signs copies of her work. 8 p.m. Browsing Room, Knight Library. Free.

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