

Groups lose funds due to no-shows

Six groups failed to show for their Saturday PFC hearings, forfeiting proposed funding for their 2004-05 budgets

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Program Finance Committee Sen. Colin Andries coined a mantra that would be oft-repeated by he and other senators at Saturday's PFC hearing.

"No budget, no-show equals no funds," he said.

Andries is jokingly known as the senator who can read printed material aloud "faster than an auctioneer on speed." But he is also adept at summarizing the budgetary demise of those groups who fail to show up for their scheduled PFC budget hearing.

The Pre-Law Society, House of Film, Latin American Caribbean Students Association, Model U.N., Pacific Wine-Law Society and the Gaming Club all lost their proposed 2004-05 budgets before the end of the hearings.

PFC Chairman Adrian Gilmore said all groups, defunded or not, have five days to appeal the PFC's decision.

During the budget hearing for the Survival Center, a self-described "umbrella organization" for social activist groups, Sen. Joe Snyder responded to the group's request for additional stipend funds without a request for additional programming funds.

"I would rather see a request for an increase in programming funds than a request to put more money in your pockets," Snyder said.

Survival Center member Nate Oester defended the organization's reasoning.

"We can't spend as much time on programming without the increase in stipends," he said.

He added that each Survival Center co-director is spending much more in time and effort than their stipend category dictates.

"It feels different to have someone come in and say, 'We want the money over helping the groups and students,'" Andries said.

During lengthy haggling by senate members, the executive controller suggested that a stipend increase for the Survival Center would be in line with what the PFC has done for similar organizations, such as OSPIRG, which received a 14.6 percent budget

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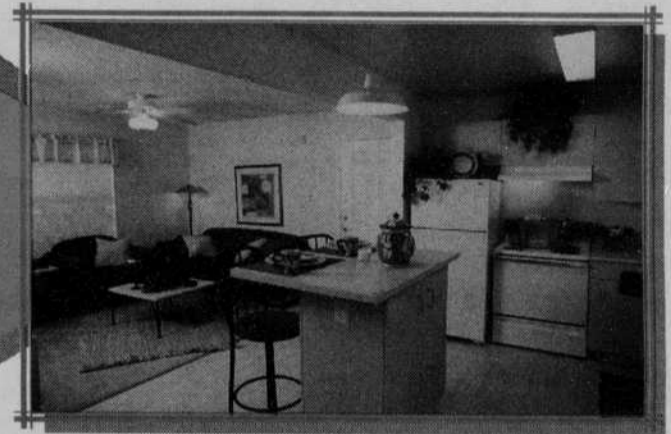
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