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PFC passes seven budgets Thursday

After just four minutes of discussion, PFC voted to approve the Committee for Musical Arts budget

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The Programs Finance Committee may have broken new speed records in its Thursday meeting, approving seven student group budgets all before bedtime.

GLOSS, the student organization associated with the Department of Linguistics, had its budget of \$626 approved, which was a 30.4 percent increase. The money will fund speakers

for its Endangered Language Colloquia series.

PFC also voted unanimously to recall an account of the African Students Association's budget to correct an accounting error.

The Committee for Musical Arts passed its budget in a record-breaking four minutes. It received the full amount of its proposal at \$4,905, which was the exact same amount the group received last year.

Ben Hunter, a graduate student at the School of Music, discussed the committee's mission.

"We bring world-class musicians from across the nation and across the

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was "more relaxed" than the previous two she had worked on. "(The committee) even went out on the streets and asked students what kind of China Night they wanted, and this is the result," she said.

CSA President Wesley Huang said the group wanted to do something different this year.

"We wanted to make a play, to make people laugh," he said.

He added that CSA chose Taiwan as the theme because it wanted to present both traditional and contemporary aspects of China.

Students have been working on China Night since last summer, according to stage manager Silvia Wang.

"A lot of hard work and organization went into it," she said.

Junior marketing major Kevin Gui, a member of the public relations staff for the event, said enjoyed working on

China Night.

"It felt more involved because we got to direct, to choreograph the (hip-hop) dance and be in the dance as well," he said.

Guests attended previous China Nights and other Chinese cultural events no doubt felt "a breath of fresh air," according to Magid Shirzadegan, associate director of the Office of International Programs.

"It showed modern Taiwan instead of the usual traditional Taiwan," he said.

Peter Eberhardt, Student and Exchange Visitor Information System coordinator for the Office of International Programs, was proud that different international cultures could be celebrated with events like China Night.

"It's great that we are able to celebrate all these cultures through events like these since it's hard to do that in the classroom," he said.

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emcee Joy Nair's 23rd birthday by surprising her with an announcement, song and cake. The crowd joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to her.

Also throwing a curve into the

evening's lineup, performers danced to "It's the time to Disco." Prasad wowed the audience when he soared off the main stage onto the front stage and continued dancing classic disco moves.

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