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Student groups lobby for funding

Debate between committee members and SASS representatives leads to 'heated verbal exchange'

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS FREELANCE EDITOR

Tempers flared during the six-hour Programs Finance Committee budget hearings Tuesday night.

The Oregon Medical Marijuana Law Reporter requested \$300 for publication. After brief discussion about the applicability of the OMMLR to the University as a whole, PFC voted to approve the budget.

The executive team prepared a \$34,929 recommendation for Sexual Assault Support Services, which was about 33 percent short of the \$51,786 SASS requested.

The executive team expressed concerns that SASS was duplicating services already available through groups and programs on campus.

However, after receiving information from the Office of Student Life and the Women's Center that called the duplication into question, the executive recommended tabling the budget until a committee could be formed to investigate whether duplication exists.

About 20 representatives from SASS were present to argue for the importance of the services they offer.

The debate became heated between the executives and PFC members who said they didn't want to delay the approval process any more and those who said they wanted to table the issue until more information was available.

"I think that if we do anything other than give them the money that they're asking for at this moment then we're not doing the students any service," said PFC member Mason Quiroz.

Quiroz made a motion to approve a \$51,786 budget for SASS. The motion failed 2-3-0. Immediately afterward, PFC member Khanh Le made an identical motion, which also failed 2-3-0. After more discussion, PFC member Jael Anker-Lagos made a motion to approve SASS's budget request. The motion passed 4-0-1.

In the recess immediately following the hearing, there was a heated verbal exchange about the process used to approve SASS's budget.

Before returning from recess, PFC chair Persis Pohowalla asked

the group, "Are we mentally ready for this budget hearing?"

The group then approved a \$145,647 budget for the Office of Student Advocacy, which included a 7.1 percent increase from last year to cover the cost of increased insurance that the University now requires all its contract workers to carry.

The Public Relations Student Society of America was granted a 14.2 percent increase for a total budget of \$738.

The Oregon Law Student Public Interest Fund was allotted \$1,391, which represented a 0.5 percent increase from last year.

Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society received a 13.4 percent increase to help fund the group's trip to a national conference. The total approved budget was \$570.

The executive recommendation for the Pre-Health Society was a 6.6 percent decrease from last year because the society underspent its budget last year. PFC decided to keep the group's funding steady because of a change in leadership at the Pre-Health Society. PFC approved a \$431 budget.

For the Pre-Dental Society, the executive recommended a 53 percent decrease because of under-spending. PFC, again taking a change of leadership into account, kept the group at current funding by approving a \$266 budget.

The National Association of Black Journalists, which has existed at the University for more than ten years, requested incidental fee money for the first time this year. They were granted the \$300 maximum that a new group can receive.

PFC tabled the budget for the Oregon Future Lawyers Association because the payroll for the editors of the group's journal was not budgeted according to the stipend model used by incidental fee-funded groups.

The Pre-Law Society was defunded last year because representatives from the group failed to appear at their budget hearing. A group of students seeking to resurrect the group was granted a \$260 budget.

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Tension heightens in a six-and-a-half-hour meeting where members questioned how to factor transfers

BY MORIAH BALINGIT
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Thursday night's ASUO Program Finance Committee meeting concluded a week-long marathon of meetings as the committee trudged through six and a half hours of tense number crunching and negotiations.

Black Women of Achievement endured the longest hearing — more than an hour. Tensions rose in the room as the PFC examined the \$4,000 budget. The group's initial recommended allocation was damaged by "a bad spending year," PFC Senator Khanh Le said.

But ASUO Controller Rosie Sweetman, acknowledged she wasn't sure how transfers should factor into a group's recommendation.

"I don't know if it's consistent across controllers," she said.

Sweetman added that the previous year's directors created a deficit in the group's fundraising account. The initial allocation recommended a 13.5 percent decrease because of the group's recent poor fiscal behavior.

After the PFC took the budget through multiple iterations, Vice Chair Mason Quiroz appeared baffled.

"I abstain. I'm confused now," Quiroz said.

PFC Chair Persis Pohowalla appeared worn out by the lengthy meeting, at one point saying, "I'm sorry. I think I'm losing it."

Part of the debate arose when some PFC members proposed dramatic increases, up to 27 percent, for BWA's budget, but Sweetman emphasized the group's fiscal history probably didn't warrant such an increase.

However, Sweetman added the PFC should take into account the group's spending habits in this fiscal year, which have been fairly good.

In the end, the PFC approved a \$4,653 budget, a 24.2 percent increase, including \$85 for Higher Learning College Shadow Day and \$1,000 for the Ebony Man Showcase formal.

GLOSS, the organization of graduate students in the linguistics department, received a 13.4 percent increase for a total budget of \$710.

Dance Oregon received a 10.4 percent increase for a total of \$3,448. PFC members were hesitant to help fund the group's trip to the American College Dance Festival after the group couldn't go last year and let the allocated money go to waste; PFC members allotted them \$200 to subsidize costs.

The Criminal Law Association's budget was decreased due to past poor leadership and fiscal irresponsibility.

The PFC decided to go with the executive recommendation of \$282, a 48.7 percent decrease from last year.

ASUO Controller Will Richard praised law student organization Family Law in Practice's "positive growth."

But Quiroz took issue with FLIP's acronym. "Be careful about your acronym," he said. "It's a derogatory name for Filipinos."

The organization's leaders agreed to reconsider the name. FLIP received a total budget of \$370 to be used for speakers and networking socials.

Recently reborn Art Law Forum, inactive for about six years, had its hearing after the BWA hearing; Quiroz criticized the PFC for not being consistent.

"We're funding this group 100 percent without scrutinizing the group," said Quiroz.

The PFC allocated the full executive recommendation of \$284 to help fund an exhibit and speakers.

African Student Association hearing followed and Pohowalla lauded the group for its fundraising efforts.

"You guys have done insane amounts of fundraising," she said. "I think we should factor that in."

ASA Director Haben Woldu agreed to forgo a director's stipend and a phone for ASA's office to ensure that maximum funding went into African Culture Night and other programs.

"We're representing our continent and we're willing to do anything to put it on," she said.

The PFC allotted the group \$1,959, a generous \$400 increase above the executive recommendation, for a 44.9 percent increase.

The Jewish Student Union's budget passed with little debate. Richard noted the group raised an impressive 60 percent of its budget. The group received \$7,022, a 3.4 percent increase.

Amnesty International's budget showed a troubled fiscal past. Last year the group was zero-funded, and in an attempt to get funding back, the group put money from fundraising in line items to demonstrate it could be fiscally responsible. Unfortunately, when the group failed to spend \$80 of the budget, the money, raised by the group's members, went back to the incidental fee surplus.

"I think it's too bad you lost the \$80," said Le. "Maybe you can try and get it back from Senate."

The Japanese Student Organization received \$4,759, a 16.24 percent increase.

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