

CYSF meeting puts all clubs on budget

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A move to cut off all "political" clubs and organizations from Council of the York Student Federation support was averted at Tuesday night's meeting of the campuswide student council.

At the end of the six hour meeting almost all clubs, societies, and organizations had received some funds, although few received the total amount they requested.

CYSF's finance commissioner, Bill Brennan, had introduced his idea of granting money only to "campus-wide clubs which are not biased on any ground of race, creed, color, creed or political affiliation or goals," in an effort to check his skyrocketing budget.

Brennan had also wanted to distribute only an "operating" amount to each approved club, and have the club come back to him for authorization to spend the rest of their grant.

He was attacked for his move to restrict grants to non-political clubs as "censorship", and "distrust of everybody."

When a member of the York University Players suggested the council should be thanked for granting money to anyone at all, he was attacked by council member Judy Darcy:

"The whole idea that these 20 people on the council control the money — and that the council owns the money — well that's bullshit."

Vice President Stu Keeley's suggestion that the restrictive clause would be fairly interpreted by the council — "We're like a human rights commission" — was also classed as bullshit.

Acting council member Jerry Blair pointed out that Brennan's idea of refusing grants to any club on the basis of their beliefs was impossible, since every club has aims or purposes that are not

shared by all the rest of the university.

Blair amended Brennan's motion to allow all clubs to receive money as long as they did not restrict membership.

Other changes to Brennan's idea resulted in "organizations open to all members of the university"

getting 50 per cent of their grant now, and 50 per cent in January, after they have presented receipts for the first four month's expenses.

All the clubs and societies, from the physical education club to the Young Socialists, Toronto's Trotskyite movement, were able to

claim they were open to all members of the university.

Political-oriented groups such as the Committee to End the War in Vietnam, the York Student Movement and the Young Socialists, all received grants under the "non-restrictive" membership clause.

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