



Budget Review Ad-Hoc Committee Proposal

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Review of Activity Fee Allocation

While in review of the allocation system that Student Senate and FAB currently has in place, there are many problems and numerous places for improvement.



Concerns with Current Practices

- The annual budget does not accurately represent what Student Senate's expenditures are.
- During budget, guesswork is used to allocate funding without knowing exactly what it is going toward.
- Because of this guesswork, a large portion of the funding allocated in the budget goes unused, tying up funding that could go to active RSOs.



Concerns with Current Practices

- Funds that are budgeted for are frequently spent while not following the Code of Finances and Precedent, an issue that rarely occurs with petitioned funding.
- RSO leaders usually change right after the budget process is over, meaning current leaders don't get to set their own budget.



Proposal

The Committee's proposal is to transition to a petition based model.

This model would allocate all funds through petitioning through the Financial Advisory Board (FAB).

Exceptions to this rule would be the Student Senate Executive Board's and Constitutionally Commissioned Media Organizations' budget.



Proposal

A certain amount of money would be able to be handed out in both the Fall and Spring Semesters.

If the limit is reached, the Treasurer and FAB would be able to dip into Student Senate rollover for additional funds.



Proposal

The Precedent would be made in the Fall Semesters and would apply to the whole next year.

If RSOs planned out their events and knew the information, they would be able to petition early in the semester



Proposal

To keep Student Senate meetings not being bogged down with FAB approvals and recommendations, a consent agenda would be implemented.

Anyone would be able to motion to take an item off this agenda and for it to be discussed on the Senate floor.



Rationale

The annual Student Senate Budget is not even a close representation of what we fund.

This way money that RSOs would be budgeting for and now using, would be able to be used.

Rollover would be cut down drastically.



Rationale

Though this does put more responsibility on RSO leaders, we feel it will benefit them in the long run.

Also leadership usually changed after budgeting, and this way would make it so a certain leadership would not bind subsequent leaders financially.



Rationale

Student Senate Treasurers would be able to better regulate the RSOs' uses of money.

Precedent would possibly be able to be increased in certain areas.

The time commitment of FAB and the Treasurer would be cut down in the Spring, and spread out over the whole year more evenly.



Implementation of this Proposal

The Budget Ad-Hoc Committee, FAB, and the Executive Board recommend the implementation of this plan in Fall of 2013.



Rationale

We believe that the people that have helped develop this idea and process should be the ones to implement it.

If we were to push this off, a whole new set of people would have to implement an idea that we created.



Rationale

Since the budgeting process is almost completed for this year, only part of the budget would be proposed and voted on at Student Senate.

This budget would just include the Executive Board and Constitutionally Commissioned Media Organizations.



Rationale

RSOs have already gone through the process of proposing their budgets to FAB, and would be well equipped to petition for funds.



Additional Questions!

If you have any additional questions,
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