## **Student Activities Fee**

- I. Timeline
  - A. The document, created by Student Government, completed on January 27, 2011 and disseminated to Antioch student body via FirstClass
  - B. Community meetings occurring on February 8 and February 10, 2011
  - C. An electronic vote will take place from February 14 through 27, 2011
  - D. Simple majority passes
- II. Fee
  - A. Cost to Students
    - 1. A \$5 fee for every semester of enrollment (including summer if applicable)
  - B. Applicants
    - 1. All proposals need a student group sponsor (e.g. Student Alliance, B.I.G.)
    - 2. Proposals may also be sponsored by Student Government
    - 3. Award checks will be written to a company; however, in the event that a check cannot be made out to a company or organization, the event may be reimbursed with appropriate documentation (e.g., receipts)
  - C. Approved Uses of Awarded Funds
    - 1. Social events for community building
    - 2. Presentations, screenings, panel discussions, guest lectures
    - 3. Community outreach events
  - D. Awards May Not be Used for the Following:
    - 1. Events which are prejudicial in any way
    - 2. Events which violate and federal, state, or local laws
    - 3. Tuition, fees, or any other costs associated with registration and financial aid
- III. Student Government
  - A. Allotted funds shall not exceed 40 percent of the overall budget for the Fall and Spring trimesters and 20 percent of the overall budget for the Summer trimester
  - B. Application and Decision Process
    - The anticipated timeline for receiving awarded funds including application, review, and disbursement, will span approximately five (5) weeks with a range of three (3) to ten (10) weeks
    - Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines in order for the award to be received approximately five weeks thereafter: October 7, November 15, February 15, March 21, May 7
    - 3. An award intended for summer use must be requested by the May 7 deadline.
    - 4. Student Government does not convene during the Summer trimester and, therefore, any applications submitted over the summer will not be reviewed until the first Fall semester deadline (October 7)
    - 5. Any amount requested may be fully or partially awarded depending on available budget and evaluative criteria
    - 6. Criteria for Applying for Funds Requests
      - a) Applicants must provide a rationale for how the awarded funds will be used

- If the award will be used for the purpose of fundraising, the group or individual must have approval from the AUNE Development Department
- (2) Recipients may be reimbursed following an event only when appropriate documentation is provided regarding expenses
- (3) Implications relating to financial aid will be provided to students
- b) Applicants must provide an itemized list of expenses
- c) Recipients are asked to provide a brief summary to Student Government following the event, which should generally describe and report on the outcome if the event/activity
- 7. Decision Process for Approving Funds
  - a) No official caps will be set on any funds request; however, the following dimensions shall be considered:
    - (1) The magnitude of benefit
      - (a) Enhancement of the scholarly, academic, and quality of experience for students at Antioch
      - (b) Enhancement of the physical structure/campus environment
      - (c) Community building at Antioch
      - (d) Community outreach to Keene and surrounding communities
      - (e) Activism beyond the immediate communities
    - (2) The scope of benefit relative to the Antioch community and campus
      - (a) Antioch community
      - (b) Multiple departments
      - (c) Single department
      - (d) Keene community
      - (e) Individual person
    - (3) Purpose of the Event
      - (a) Embodies the Antioch University Mission Statement
      - (b) Academic focus
      - (c) Social focus
  - b) Voting Procedures to Approve Funds
    - (1) Quorum—one representative from each department—must be held in order for voting to proceed
    - (2) Voting on proposals will be done during a closed session
    - (3) Voting on proposals will be based on written documentation; however, in rare or extenuating circumstances
    - (4) An award is passed with a simple majority of the Student Government
    - (5) Applicants will be provided with written documentation regarding the decision
  - c) Appeal Process
- 8. Recipients must receive one (1) signature from a faculty member in order to receive funds