



Cleveland State University
Student Government Association Finance Committee

To: Student Government Association Senate & Executive Board
From: Eli Auerbach, SGA Treasurer, and Finance Committee Chair
Subject: Finance Committee Funding Recommendations
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On Friday November 12, 2010 the SGA Finance Committee convened for the third time for the 2010 – 2011 academic year. The Committee heard requests from 33 student organizations. Included herein is an explanation of the funding methodology utilized by the Committee while deliberating and allocation totals.

1. The initial goal for the Committee was to fund events for the fall semester only. This allows the Committee to conserve funds and ensure money will be available for allocation in the spring. However, organizations were informed that events occurring at the beginning of spring (before the February hearing) may be funded in November.
 - a. Note: Any event that was scheduled to occur in the spring, but required payment in the fall, was subsequently funded by the Committee.
2. The Committee diligently determined whether an individual financial commitment exists. In instances where an organization intended on contributing their fair share (valued at a minimum of 25% of the event cost) the Committee funded that organization at the maximum allowable amount (as found in the Finance Committee packet). Where organizations did not voluntarily offer an individual contribution the Committee reduced funding by at least 25%. Thus building into the allocation an accountability component.
3. The Committee was reminded to stay within the \$3000 per academic year cap and the \$1000 limit on off-campus spending. In addition, every event line item was evaluated against the maximum allocation table. However, the Committee has the discretion to exceed the off-campus spending cap where applicable. Requested items not appearing in the table were funded using the procedure outlined above and commonly known cost estimates.
4. All ongoing events were prorated on a semester basis. For example, organizations that requested funds for their bi-monthly meetings received 50% of their request for fall semester.
5. The Committee, while deliberating, kept clear and concise notes of their revenue logic. A number of components were included in determining a final allocation for an organization.

- a. Individual Contribution – valued at 25% of the event cost
- b. Funds in agency account
- c. Organization history – evidence of successful spending
- d. Use of funds – aligns with the mission of CSU and SGA
- e. Number of Active Members

After careful consideration and thoughtful discussion, the SGA Finance Committee allocated **\$30,373.00** to **33** different organizations. This equals an average of **\$920.39** per organization. Comparatively, after hearing #3 in 2009, the Committee distributed **\$18,200.00** to **36** organizations. That equaled an average of **\$505.56** per group.

In 2009/2010 the total amount of allocated funds for the year was **\$140,470**. The average amount allocated per organization was **\$1418.89**. *99 different organizations were funded.* This year, the total amount of allocated funds has been **\$69,552** through three hearings. The average amount allocated per organization is **\$1086.76**. *There have been 64 different organizations funded.*

For further elucidation, the table below compares funding hearings 1 through 3 for FY 2010 to FY 2011. The Finance Committee has **\$48,928.59** remaining for the last two hearings in spring.

SGA Finance Committee Allocation Table FY 2010 and FY 2011

	Funding Hearing #1			Funding Hearing #2			Funding Hearing #3		
	Total Allocation	# Of Orgs. Presenting	Per Capita Distribution	Total Allocation	# Of Orgs. Presenting	Per Capita Distribution	Total Allocation	# Of Orgs. Presenting	Per Capita Distribution
FY '10 Totals	\$35,200.00	18	\$1,955.56	\$40,055.00	35	\$1,144.43	\$18,200.00	36	\$505.56
FY '11 Totals	\$17,554.41	23	\$763.24	\$21,624.00	25	\$864.96	\$30,373	33	\$920.39

Please find attached the Finance Committees’ table of allocations. It outlines each organization’s request and SGA allocation. The SGA Finance Committee respectfully submits their recommendations to the Senate for review and ratification.

With CSU Pride,

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