

Student Activity Fee Committee
Meeting Minutes
Recreation Center Conference Room
February 20, 2015

In attendance: Darryl Holloman, Chair and Lanier Henson, Vice Chair. Voting student members: David Andriate, Alexandra Diaz and Corey Sams. Non-student voting members: Boyd Beckwith and Misty McDonald. Alternate voting student member: Tobi Soyebó. Ex officio: Latisha Barnes, Beth Jones and Shantavia Reid-Stroud.

Not in attendance: Voting student member: Sebastian Parra, Camryn Bradley, Justin Brightharp, Teara Mayfield and Joash Thomas. Alternate Student Voting Member: Joe Clark, David Jackson and Cristina Migles-Schmitt. Non-Student Voting member: JoAnn Bacon. Ex officio: Edgar Torbert.

The Student Activity Fee Committee met on February 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Recreation Center Conference Room and took the following actions:

I. Approval of Minutes

Tobi Soyebó moved to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by David Andriate. With no objections the minutes were approved.

II. University-Wide Fee Council – FY16 Deliberations/Vote

Boyd Beckwith moved to make the following changes. This motion was seconded by Tobi Soyebó and approved by the following roll call vote (see Attachment 1):

- Decrease Circle K International by \$500 to \$2,127
- Decrease Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority by \$1,900 to \$5,919
- Decrease Comic Book Club by \$750 to \$1,600
- Decrease Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity by \$100 to \$5,713
- Decrease Student Veterans Association by \$2,000 to \$14,379
- Decrease Rialto Student Ambassadors by \$750 to \$5,300
- Increase Non-Traditional Students by \$750 to \$5,348
- Increase University Speakers Association by \$500 to \$3,011
- Increase Panther Breakaway by \$3,250 to \$11,275

Increase the following organization's allocation by \$100 (15 organizations, total \$1,500): Big Brothers Big Sisters to \$2,002; Colleges Against Cancer to \$3,975; Gamma Sigma Sigma to \$1,480; Global Peace Youth Corps to \$3,636; Habitat for Humanity to \$1,275; Hands on Atlanta to \$1,894; Infinite Appeal to \$1,850; National Society of Collegiate Scholars \$1,506; Panthers Allure to \$3,700; Peerless Perfexion to \$1,688; Phi Beta Sigma to \$4,250; Red Cross Club to \$1,500; Redeemed Gospel Choir to \$1,350; Sigma Lambda Upsilon to \$1,994; University Speakers Association to \$3,111

David Andriate – Yes
Boyd Beckwith – Yes
Alexsandra Diaz – Yes
Misty McDonald – Yes
Sebastian Para – Yes
Corey Sams – Yes
Tobi Soyebó – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

II. University-Wide Fee Council - FY 16 Deliberations/Vote 02/20/15 (Attachment 1)

University-Wide Fee Council Allocations for Fiscal Year 2016				
Approved by the SAFC				
February 20, 2015				
Packet Page Number	Account Name	FY2015 Final Allocation	FY2016 Original Request	FY 2016 Final Allocation
1	Big Brothers, Big Sisters		\$3,850	\$2,002
7	Circle K International	\$2,670	\$3,060	\$2,127
12	Colleges Against Cancer		\$11,250	\$3,975
16	Comic Book Club		\$16,918	\$1,600
22	Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, Inc.		\$2,170	\$1,480
27	Global Peace Youth Corps		\$10,792	\$3,636
31	Habitat for Humanity	\$1,450	\$1,300	\$1,275
37	Hands On Atlanta	\$1,775	\$2,750	\$1,894
43	Infinite Appeal	\$500	\$14,000	\$1,850
48	Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.	\$8,375	\$24,520	\$5,919
53	Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.	\$5,720	\$9,970	\$5,713
58	National Society of Collegiate Scholars	\$1,625	\$1,500	\$1,506
62	Nontraditional Student Association		\$10,300	\$5,348
67	Omicron Delta Kappa	\$3,128	\$3,000	\$2,962
73	Panthers Allure	\$4,875	\$17,400	\$3,700
76	Panther Breakaway	\$15,825	\$19,300	\$11,275
80	Peerless Perfexion		\$3,500	\$1,688
83	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	\$4,756	\$6,525	\$4,250
91	Red Cross Club	\$500	\$3,470	\$1,500
97	Rialto Student Ambassadors	\$6,175	\$10,000	\$5,300
102	Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority, Inc.		\$3,800	\$1,994
107	Student Veterans Association	\$18,557	\$27,440	\$14,379
115	The Redeemed Gospel Choir		\$2,250	\$1,350
119	University Speakers Association	\$3,224	\$5,100	\$3,111
	TOTALS	\$79,155	\$214,165	\$89,834
	University-Wide FY 2016 Allocation		\$89,834	\$89,834
	(Over)/Under Budget		(\$124,331)	\$0

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Sidney Covington
Student Veteran Association
March 3, 2015

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Latisha
Accountant II
Georgia State University
Division of Student Affairs
Suite 300 Student Center

Dear Latisha,

I hope this letter finds you well.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully appeal the Student Veterans Association's budget of \$14,379 for fiscal year 2016. The SVA has established several goals that will require \$21,550 to reach this year's goals. Our main focus for this year is to improve and expand the Military Outreach Center at GSU; this will enable us to serve more Veterans and give us the ability to continue to reach our future goals.

A strong Military Outreach Center is critical to helping Veterans transition from life in the service to life as a civilian student. Currently, our Military Outreach Center only redirects students to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Since our Military Outreach Center does not yet provide students with services, SVA is a vital asset to helping Veterans transition to civilian life.

The events held by the SVA offers more than socialization to its members. Members receive information regarding benefits they are unaware of as well as how to manage the benefits they're already receiving. The SVA is creating a strong network of student veterans and enabling them to get the most out of their time at GSU. Transitioning and established veterans will benefit from the increased budget in ways that will positively impact their lives both in school and after graduating.

This in turn will help the school meet the needs for student Veterans, which will increase Veteran enrollment and student Veteran success. We also have plans on expanding our membership to more veterans, dependents, and supporters. I have attached our new budget request for fiscal year 2016.

Thank you for considering this appeal.

If you have any questions, please contact me at scovington7@student.gsu.edu or 678-392-9753.

Sincerely,



Sidney Covington
Interim President
Student Veteran Association

Please return to the Office of the Dean of Students, Suite 300
Student Center, by 5:15 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2015.

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STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE BUDGET REQUEST
University Wide Fee Council
Chartered Student Organizations Form
FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

Application Must Be Typed

NAME OF CHARTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION/DEPARTMENT
Student Veterans Association

TOTAL REQUEST FOR FY 2016 \$ 21,530

GSU ACCOUNT NUMBER OR SPEEDTYPE (If an existing account): SASVA

STUDENT OFFICER SIGNATURE  DATE 03/02/2015


STUDENT OFFICER NAME: Sidney Covington TITLE: Interim President

STUDENT OFFICER'S PHONE: 678-392-9753

GSU EMAIL: scovington7@gsu.edu

FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE 03/2/2015



FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR'S NAME: Joshua William Brooks; Mary L. McLaughlin

FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR'S PHONE:

GSU EMAIL: wbrooks@gsu.edu; mmclaughlin@gsu.edu

OFFICIAL CONTACT GSU EMAIL ADDRESS [Click here to enter text.](#)

NUMBER OF YEARS YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CHARTERED: 6.5

1. Attach a one-page description of your student organization, including information about its purpose, number of members, current budget, services provided to students, dues or revenue collected, and funding received from outside sources.
2. Attach a one-page description of how your organization has expended its SA Fee funding for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015).
3. On page 2 of this application, type a narrative summary of your financial request for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Explain the programs or services you wish to provide to students of Georgia State University and include the number of students you anticipate will participate in the activities.
4. On page three of this application, list the subtotals for each category of spending requested for fiscal year 2016. Please ensure that the subtotals and grand total match the

narrative summary of your request on page 2. Completion of page three is required to be considered for funding.

SA Fee Budget Application – University Wide Council (Student Org) - FY 2016 – Page 2 of 3

Below, type a narrative summarizing your financial request for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Explain the programs or services you wish to provide to students of Georgia State University. Additionally, provide a description of organizational conference/convention(s) in which student attendance would be subsidized by University Wide Fee Council funding, and any other foreseeable expenditures not listed.

For the fiscal year 2016, the Student Veteran Association (SVA) seeks to increase its budget to be able to provide programs for veterans, dependents, and supporters of veterans at Georgia State University that focus on issues specific to this population. The funds will also help to provide transportation to more community service opportunities and SVA activities. Additionally, SVA and various Georgia State University (GSU) faculty and staff members are working towards getting a better military outreach center to accommodate the challenges veterans face while transitioning to life as a student. The president and Mary McLaughlin will travel to various schools in Georgia to find suggestions on improving our Military Outreach Center.

Next year we plan to collaborate with the Women Veteran Social Justice organization and host their 3rd annual women veteran conference at GSU. This event will increase the awareness of GSU military support systems and programs available to women veterans in Georgia. Since we will be collaborating with an outside organization we will be charged a rental fee of \$500 to rent the State Ballroom. We will also provide promotional items at this event and give appreciation awards to our guest speakers. We have expended all of our organization t-shirts and have limited promotional items remaining. We plan to order t-shirts, mugs, SVA coins, key chains, plaques and recognition certificates for students that excel over their peers professionally and academically. We are requesting \$2,000 for these items.

We are also requesting \$2,000 for printing expenses to create updated brochures, informational pamphlets, and events calendars which will allow military learners on campus to identify services and opportunities available to them through SVA. Our fliers will promote the monthly mixers, our women veterans program, guest speakers, monthly community service events, and events in the Metro Atlanta area available to veterans. We are requesting \$7,500 to provide food for our mixers and our annual Veteran's Day luncheon, which normally has 50 or more attendees.

This year's leadership failed to provide community service programs to assist veterans in our community. Next year SVA as an organization goal will be to attain 50 hours of community service each semester. Student Veterans of America (our national organization), host an average of six leadership summits. They are three day workshops that teach students how to write grants and develop a business plan; we want to send all executive board members to various leadership summits. Our national organization provides lodging for these events and we are responsible for travel and food expenses. Currently, we are researching leadership and transitional conferences available to veterans, this may include fees, travel, and lodging expenses. In order for our members to attend community service projects and leadership summits we are requesting \$1,500 for travel. To cover fees for leadership summits, conferences, prizes for contest, and guest speakers we are requesting \$1,500.

Each year, the Student Veterans of America holds a National Conference. This past year our prior leadership decided not to attend this event. Next year we are planning on sending two Executive Board members to learn about new programs available to student veterans, networking opportunities, and communicate that GSU SVA continues to be an active chapter. The cost is approximately \$1,000 for travel, \$280 for registration, \$1,500 for lodging, and \$500 for food expenses.

The total budget request for our organization is \$21,530 for fiscal year 2016.

This page must be completed and typed to receive funding

NOTE: Under description please provide examples of purchases which will be made related to the itemize areas i.e. Promotional Items: (T-shirts, hats, key chains, etc.)

Non-Programming Services	Description	Expenditure
1. Non-event Printing	Business cards, retractable banner, free printing in Military Outreach Center	\$300.00
2. Non Programming Food	Food for general body meetings.	\$1,400.00
Total Non- Programming cost		\$1,700.00

Programming/ Publicity/ Event Supplies Speaker / Presenter/ DJ Cost etc.	Description	Expenditure
1. Promotional Items	T-shirts, water bottles, hats, SVA recognition plaques and certificates, key chains, mugs for promotional use.	\$2,000
2. Event Printing	Advertisement for events, veteran women’s program, and community service events	\$2,000
3. Postage	SVA mail outs	\$50
4. Programming Equipment	N/A	N/A
5. Room Charges	Room charges for collaborating with an off-campus organization	\$500
6. Event Food	Food for monthly mixers, Veterans Ball food, veteran women’s program, and awareness events	\$7,500
7. Fees or Honorariums	Guest speakers, leadership summits, cash prizes for art contest, and conferences.	\$1,500
8. Transportation	Transportation to community service, student leadership summits outside of Metro Atlanta, visiting other military outreach centers in Georgia and conferences	\$1,500
9. Hotel Expenses	Hotel expense for student leadership events	\$1,500
Total Programming Cost		\$16,550

OFF CAMPUS STUDENT TRAVEL:

Name, date and location of conference/convention

Student Veterans Association National Conference January 2016

National Conference. Date. & Location: TBD

Number of students attending: 2

Travel	Description	Expenditure
1. Airfare/Transportation	SVA Conference plane tickets for 2 students.	\$1,000
2. Registration Fees	SVA Conference registration for 2 students.	\$280.00
3. Lodging	SVA Conference lodging expenses for 2 students.	\$1,500
4. Meals	SVA Conference meals expenses for 2 students.	\$500.00
Total Travel Cost		\$3,280.00

Personal services	Description	Expenditure
1. Student Assistants	Number SA(s) if applicable Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
2. GRAs	Number GRA(s) if applicable Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
3. Stipends	Who are stipends designated for if applicable	Click here to enter text.
Total Personal Services Cost		Click here to enter text.

GRAND TOTAL: \$21,530

To the members of the University-Wide Fee Council:

First off, we would like to say thank you for taking our proposal into consideration and allocating us a total of \$5,713. Though we are thankful, we would like for you to reevaluate this decision due to several variables. We ask you take this appeal into consideration in efforts to increase our 2015/2016 budget to \$6,700.

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. has been a successful organization at Georgia State University for 6 years. Since our inception, we have successfully initiated 30 brothers into our organization and we are currently increasing in numbers. Our programs range from cultural awareness to professional development. We design our programs, not only to reach out to the Latino community, but to reach out to the entire Georgia State University student body. The Latino population within Georgia State University is growing rapidly. Our main goal is to increase the amount of events and programming held and create an avenue for them to succeed in during their collegiate experience.

One reason we believe \$6,700 is a necessary number is the increase in programs we host. To elevate the quality and impact these programs hold, we will require more funding. In addition, the number of attendees at these events is continuously increasing. For example, Salista For You, as mentioned in the proposal, has been our biggest event and the number of attendees grows annually. Last year we hosted 350 people, in retrospect to the 300 the previous year, and this year we are expecting to host at least 400 people. Looking back at our budget proposal from last year, we were allocated \$5,720. This was a generously allocation, but we found that we were still faced with limitations in the quality of the event and what we could provide to our guest. To offset those extra needs, we requested contributions from Chapter brothers in order to make the events a success.

We strongly believe that with your help, we will be able to reach out to more demographics and increase the number of students to be aware of the beneficial programming of La Unidad Latina. As our Chapter grows, we want the quality and effectiveness of our programs to increase as well, in order to reach this goal, we need your help by increasing our allocated budget. La Unidad Latina will be greatly thankful for reevaluating this decision and we would really appreciate your help in growing our organization and our impact.

Please take our appeal into consideration. If you have any more questions, feel free to contact our treasurer, Hector Robles, at hrobles1@student.gsu.edu. Thank you so much and we hope to hear from you soon.

Best,



March 2, 2015

Brothers of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

To start, the Rialto Student Ambassadors at Georgia State University would like to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to appeal our allotted budget for 2016 fiscal year.

As our mission states, we "seek to educate, entertain, and inspire the student body through the Rialto Center's cultural arts programming by encouraging students to take advantage of the rich experiences and personal development opportunities that are available to them and to enhance student life at Georgia State University through student interest programs and event planning." In so, we would like to humbly suggest that the University-Wide Fee Council reconsider the sum of our financial backing- \$5,300.

With the \$6,175 that we were allocated this FY15 period, the Rialto Student Ambassadors were fortunate enough to send two ambassadors to the National Association for Campus Activities conference (NACA) in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The purpose of the NACA is to enrich the work and of student leaders on college campuses, such as the executive board for the Rialto Student Ambassadors. Being able to send representatives to this conference meant a lot to our organization because, for years, we had requested financial support specifically for this purpose and never got the opportunity. The conference gave our organization an array of creative and innovative insights ranging from marketing strategies to how to collaborate with vendors and other organizations on campus, to daily networking opportunities with individuals whom we would have never had the opportunity to speak to if we were not able to attend the conference. Because of the knowledge gained, our organization would like to send the future executive board (five individuals) to the conference next year to continue to get such information and experiences that could further enhance our organization, as well as the students at Georgia State University.


I, Alexis Carthan, have been fortunate enough to serve as the president for this extraordinary organization for two consecutive years, and I have seen firsthand and time and time again what the arts and an abundance of cultural experiences can do for an individual's character and understanding of the world. With a larger budget, the Rialto Student Ambassadors will not only be able to help nurture some of the world's future leaders, but we will be capable of continuing to uphold Georgia State University's commitment to cultural diversity.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Alexis Carthan
President, Rialto Student Ambassadors

Jasmin Fields
Secretary, Rialto Student Ambassadors



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