

Student Activity Fee Committee
Meeting Minutes
Recreation Center Conference Room
April 4, 2014

In attendance: Rebecca Stout, Chair and Andrew Whyte, Vice Chair. Voting student members: Lanier Henson, Tyler Lewis, Juan Parra and Timothy Smith. Alternate Voting Members: Loren Johnson. Non-student voting members: Amanda Antara, Joann Bacon and Darryl Holloman. Ex officio: Latisha Benoit and Shantavia Reid-Stroud.

Not in attendance: Voting student members: Camryn Bradley and Osato Uzamere. Alternate voting student members: Josephine Exantus and Joseph Estenes. Ex officio: Beth Jones and Edgar Tolbert.

The Student Activity Fee Committee met on April 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Recreation Center Conference Room and took the following actions:

I. Approval of Minutes

Tyler Lewis moved to approve the minutes with a correction to the following section:

Student Bar Association – Alfredo Rosa II and Michelli Rivera

The Student Bar Association did not provide the committee with any materials regarding their funding process. Dr. Stout requested that they submit their materials by next Thursday, so the committee could review them during their next meeting (Friday, April 4, 2014).

This motion was seconded by Joann Bacon. With no objections the minutes were approved.

II. Final Vote to Affirm FY 2015 Budget (Overall)

Tyler Lewis moved that the Student Activity Fee Committee approve the FY 2015 budget as proposed on November 15, 2013 and affirm that the colleges/fee councils met all the requirements listed in the Student Activity Fee Guidelines (see attachment 1). This motion was seconded by Darryl Holloman and approved by the following roll call vote:

Amanda Antara – Yes

Joann Bacon – Yes

Darryl Holloman – Yes

Tyler Lewis – Yes

Loren Johnson – Yes

Juan Parra – Yes

Timothy Smith – Yes

III. Panther Breakaway International Exploratory Trip Presentations

Lovell Lemons and Danny Zayas spoke to the committee regarding the Panther Breakaway International Exploratory Trip. The trip consisted of visits to Jamaica and Costa Rica. Jennifer Bodnar and Anjelica Guilbeaux spoke to the committee regarding the benefits of Panther Breakaway.

IV. Spring Budget Update

Lanier Henson moved to reduce the funding amount for Readership Program by \$27,680 from \$67,680 to \$40,000 (see attachment 2). This motion was seconded by Timothy Smith and approved by the following roll call vote:

Amanda Antara – Yes
Joann Bacon – Yes
Lanier Henson – Yes
Darryl Holloman – Yes
Tyler Lewis – Yes
Juan Parra – Yes
Timothy Smith – Yes

Lanier Henson moved to continue the current level of funding for the Newly Chartered Student Organization Fund (\$20,000) for FY 2015 (see attachment 3). This motion was seconded by Tyler Lewis and approved by the following roll call vote:

Amanda Antara – Yes
Joann Bacon – Yes
Lanier Henson – Yes
Darryl Holloman – Yes
Tyler Lewis – Yes
Juan Parra – Yes
Timothy Smith – Yes

Tyler Lewis moved to approve the IMPACT (Greek Leadership & Chapter Development Program) funding proposal in the amount of \$15,000 (see attachment 4). This motion was seconded by Lanier Henson and approved by the following roll call vote:

Amanda Antara – Yes
Joann Bacon – Yes
Lanier Henson – Yes
Darryl Holloman – Yes
Tyler Lewis – Yes
Juan Parra – Yes
Timothy Smith – Yes

V. SAFC Guidelines Violation

Dr. Stout informed the committee regarding allegations against the Alliance for Sexual Gender Diversity (Spring Escapade Drag Show) for mismanagement of student activity fee funds.

Lanier Henson moved to create a subcommittee of the Student Activity Fee Committee to review the allegations and make recommendations of their findings to the Student Activity Fee Committee by spring semester finals. This motion was seconded by Timothy Smith and approved by the following vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Lanier moved to suspend access to the Alliance for Sexual Gender & Diversity remaining FY 2014 student activity fee funds until the conclusion of the review process. This motion was seconded by Tyler Lewis and approved by the following vote: Yes: 6 No: 1 Abstain: 0

VI. Sustainability Initiatives Fee Council

The committee decided that the Student Activity Fee Committee will continue to serve as the Sustainability Initiatives Fee Council.

VII. Recommendations for 2014-2015 SAFC

The Student Activity Fee Committee made the following suggestion to the 2014-2015 Student Activity Fee Committee:

1. Student organizations should fundraise for items that are not eligible under the SAFC rules and regulations (e.g. off-campus food).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Georgia State University Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) FY 2015 Approved - 11/15/2013 Amended - 4/4/14		
	FY 2014 Original Allocation	FY 2015 Final Allocation
SAFC Contingency (5%)	\$129,867	\$146,448
Colleges	\$263,200	\$286,470
Academic Teams	\$136,982	\$157,172
Arts	\$272,742	\$284,292
Diversity	\$86,842	\$96,050
Honors College	\$18,833	\$27,303
International Student Association Council (ISAC)	\$51,227	\$62,890
Media	\$218,663	\$229,000
Student Government Association (SGA)	\$139,677	\$153,239
Student Bar Association	\$60,434	\$74,331
University-Wide	\$76,318	\$87,589
Sustainability Initiatives	\$10,000	\$10,000
Essential Services w/o Contingency	\$1,132,548	\$1,132,548
Totals		\$2,747,332
FY 2014/2015 Allocation	\$2,597,333	\$2,747,333
(Over)/Under Allocation		\$1

*Total Rounded Up To Nearest Dollar

**The contingency allocation includes the unallocated funds from the Diversity Fee Council (\$2,189) and the University-Wide Fee Council (\$6,892).

	FY 2014 Original Allocation	FY 2015 Final Allocation
Colleges		
A&S College Student Funds	\$123,352	\$136,148
BA College Student Funds	\$67,483	\$71,469
Education Student Funds	\$28,127	\$29,104
Law Student Funds	\$5,686	\$6,134
Policy Studies Student Funds	\$17,685	\$20,353
B.F. Lewis School of Nursing & Health Professions Student Funds	\$19,159	\$21,037
Public Health Student Funds	\$1,708	\$2,224
Totals	\$263,200	\$286,469

Georgia State University

Georgia State University Student Government Association-USA Today Collegiate Readership Program Fund

Amended by the Student Activity Fee Committee April 4, 2014

The USA Today Collegiate Readership Program would make available to the student body at Georgia State University a maximum of 400 copies of the New York Times and 600 copies of USA Today per day at no additional cost to the students.

Funding

The Student Government Association of Georgia State University-USA Today Collegiate Readership Program Fund is to be funded from the Student Activity Fee in the amount of up to \$40,000 per academic year with expenditures being authorized under the signature authority of the Vice President of Student Affairs. The aforementioned allocation of each fiscal year will be derived from Student Activity Fee funds remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year to the extent that revenues exceeded expenditures.

Review

The program shall be reviewed annually by a committee chaired by the Student Government Association President (as Vice Chair of the Student Activity Fee Committee), and comprised of the SGA Executive Vice President, the SGA Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, of Budget and Finance, of Public Relations, of Student Life, and of Student Services, and the SGA President Pro Tempore. Non voting members would consist of the SGA Advisor and a representative from the Office of the Dean of Students. Recommendations concerning the program are to be forwarded to the Student Activity Fee Committee.

Rationale

Bringing this program, which is already present on over 500 other college and university campuses, to Georgia State University will have many positive benefits for the student body. By providing students access to two major national newspapers such as USA Today and the New York Times the University is broadening Georgia State University student's knowledge of national and world events. This knowledge will prove useful not only in the students' studies here at Georgia State but also in helping form them as well rounded individuals. In today's world, newspapers provide one of the few remaining outlets for investigative journalism as opposed to cable news which often simply re-reports stories gathered from newspapers and colors them with their own commentary. This program will not only help make Georgia State students one of the most informed student bodies in the nation, but also help foster a sense of university culture as students on campus are able to discuss current events with each other.

**Georgia State University
New Organization Fund**

Amended by the Student Activity Fee Committee April 12, 2013

The student organizations of Georgia State University work diligently to ensure high quality programs, events, and educational experiences to the student body. It is difficult for Student Organizations who are approved by the Student Life and Development Committee of the University Senate to adequately program and create a brand without funding. Furthermore, transitions in leadership during the school year also may lead to existing student organizations missing out on Fee allocation deadline. It is proposed a structure that allows for allocations to be made Student Organizations under Diversity and University-Wide fee councils who did not meet their funding deadlines who request funds to be made in the Maximum amount \$500.00.

Funding

It is proposed that the New Organization Fund be funded from the Student Activity Fee in the amount of **\$20,000** per academic year. The aforementioned allocation of each fiscal year will be derived from Student Activity Fee Funds remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year to the extent that revenues exceed expenditure. The Student Organization Advisor shall verify that the organization is eligible and the Dean of Students office shall ensure that expenditures adhere to university, Board of Regents, state and federal laws. Organizations shall be eligible for utilization of these funds from date of chartering to the end of the academic year in which they were chartered.

Review

An Annual report shall be produced in the Spring Semester before the final Student Activity Fee meeting to showcase the number of organizations benefited, the programs facilitated, any recommendations for adjustments and the overall functions of the fund by the SGA Vice President of Student Life.

Disbursements of funds

Approved disbursements shall be administered through Office of the Dean of Students. Applications shall be housed in the Dean of Students office as well.

Rationale

To exist in a space where programming opportunities, space, and printing are not able to be granted on a large scale to our student organizations it is the responsibility of this committee to act to ensure students have appropriate access to their fee money. A continual lack of funding for new student organization exists. The Partnership Funds from the Student/University Center, Co-Sponsorship from the Student Government Association, and Collaborations with Spotlight Programs Board are great resources but also have limits. With access to additional sources of funding student organizations can start building their brand on campus and will be able to show past budget performance during the funding process for the subsequent year.

Georgia State University

IMPACT

Greek Leadership and Chapter Development Program

Student Activity Fee Committee April 4, 2014

The Student Activity Fee is of Georgia State University to ensure high quality programs, events, and educational experiences are available to the student body. IMPACT is a national leadership and chapter development training course that takes place over two days.

Funding

It is proposed that the Greek Life Coordinator, Mathew Mitchell, in cooperation with the Office of Student Affairs be funded from the Student Activity Fee in the amount of \$15,000. The aforementioned allocation will be derived from Student Activity Fee Funds remaining at the end of this FY 2014.

Review

The IMPACT conference shall take place before August 31, 2014. A detailed report of the conference must be provided by the Greek Life Coordinator by the final Student Activity Fee Committee meeting in spring 2015.

Disbursements of funds

Approved disbursements shall be administered through Office of the Dean of Students. Travel authorizations shall be housed in the Office of Dean of Students.

Rationale

Given the high level of involvement of the Greek system across campus, an investment in the operations and leadership of these organizations will lead to improvement on a campus in the programs and events hosted by these organizations, in addition to offering these students critical educational experiences focused primarily on leadership development.