Historical Funding Trends

The following information is provided to help student leaders in creating their budget submission. Please note that the examples below while not an all-inclusive list, are provided to reflect the rational utilized by the Student Budget Committee (SBC) in previous years to allocate funds. Specifically, organizations typically request amounts that well exceed available funds; therefore the committee has developed these practices to maximize the educational benefit to campus.

Traditionally, funds are allocated with the following limitations –

Programming:

- The program should support the mission and purpose of the organization as defined in the constitution.
- Funds may not be used for disposable decorations. Decorations that are culturally or educationally significant to the purpose of the event may be funded at the discretion of the committee.
- Funds may not be used for marketing pieces that cannot be reused (e.g. fliers, handbills, banners with a specific date). Free advertising is available on campus via OrgSync and the Campus Update.
- In general, SBC will not fund end of the year banquets or celebrations unless it has an educational or cultural significance.
- Only food that is a critical or integral part of the program and serves an educational purpose will be funded.
- SBC will fund up to 75% of costs associated with telecommunications equipment requested by any media organizations. Additionally, we will fund up to 75% of all printing costs associated with any publication organizations.
- No single event is typically funded for more than $5000 of SBC funding.

Travel:

- Travel for conferences, competitions and educational experiences are costly. As such, the SBC will focus funding on registration or entrance tickets, and lodging expenses. According to SBC policy, Funding for meals and gas while traveling cannot be granted. Please note, travel expenses related to conferences and off campus educational experiences will continue to be funded through the Spot Funding process only.

Operations:

- Funds are typically not granted for apparel for an organization unless it is worn as a required uniform or needed for identifying event staff. Apparel purchased for these reasons should be retained by the organization for future use.
- Funds are not to be used for the individual benefit of the members of an organization, including: private lessons, personal membership dues that are not required for an organization to maintain their affiliations with a national organization, personal equipment or clothing, gifts or giveaways, etc.