GUSA Finance & Appropriations Committee

**FY19 Budget Summit**

Student Activity Fee Funding Application

(APPLICATION A - Advisory Boards, GPB, the GUSA Executive-Elect and the Lecture Fund)

Please email this application and accompanying materials to gusafinanceandappropriations@gmail.com by **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm.**

**PART A.**

Name of Organization: GUSA Executive

Mission of Organization:

The GUSA executive is the tool by which the interests of the students are represented to the administration, and policies are advanced to better the lives of the student body.

Total Amount of Funding Requested: 17,500

**PART B.**

Please fill out the Application A Financial Information excel document.

**PART C.**

Please attach a copy of the budgeting guidelines used by your organization for any and all purposed.

**PART D.**

Please answer the following questions individually:

1. How did your organization affect student life? Can this be measured?

GUSA ought to be an effective organization which impacts all students’ lives. The best way to measure this success if the capability to properly advocate for the needs of students from all walks of life, and to secure policy changes which will make life on the Hilltop better.

1. How many clubs/groups compose your organization? Please list them, noting especially any clubs/groups added (or planned to be added) within FY18.

GUSA Executive, GUSA Senate, SAO

1. What were significant challenges for your organization over the past year? What were significant successes for your organization over the past year?

The GUSA executive found challenges in attempting to engage new students who had not been involved in student government before. This organization succeeded in continuing to solidify relationships between student leaders and administrators.

1. Do you have any budget concerns for the next 5-10 years?

Due to the nature of the GUSA executive, it can not truly be seen what will come down the road in 5-10 years. This presents a challenge to the institutional memory of this organization and GUSA’s capacity to consistently advance policies which have been initiated.

1. What level of financial risk does your organization incur?

Extremely low.

1. How could the Budget Summit process be improved this year? How could relations with GUSA be improved?

Having seen the inner workings of FinApp it seems that the most important goal for the organization ought to be an increased commitment to transparency for the budgeting process, both within the Senate, and to the larger public.

1. If you are requesting more funding for FY19 than FY18, please explain why.

We are requesting less money this year because we recognize these funds can better be employed by students.

**PART E.**

Please ensure your organization continues to comply with the 2010 6-Point Reform Plan by **commenting in the affirmative and detailing** how your group is compliant for each of the 6 points individually.

1. The total balance of any advisory board’s reserve account shall not be excessive (as deemed by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs), and boards with surplus funds should provide a plan for their reserves.

Yes, we are committed to, in fact, cutting the previous budget, and ensuring GUSA runs a tight budget.

2. An appeals process shall be implemented and publicized, where such processes do not already exist, for clubs that are denied full funding for an activity or annual budget under its advisory board.

Yes, we understand and recognize the appeals process.

3. Clubs shall have the option of requesting a lump sum, annual budget with an opportunity to reapply for additional funding from its advisory board.

Yes, we understand.

4. All meetings and recorded minutes of all meetings of an advisory board shall be open to the public, including any and all votes, and that all records are posted online in a timely fashion.

Yes, Senate meetings are open to the public.

5. Members of the advisory board are, in some way, directly accountable to their constituents or to the student body in general, such as having GUSA Senate confirmation or being elected by the leaders of the clubs they represent.\*

There are Senate confirmations, and Senators are elected and held accountable by their individual constituencies.

6. Clubs have reasonable control over all funds that they fundraise outside of the  normal allocations process.

Yes, the core of GUSA’s funds come through the FinApp budgeting process.

\*The committee is aware that the structure of boards has changed in the past eight years; please note ‘such as’ merely indicates examples of how accountability is manifested and focus on the spirit of the Point.

**CERTIFICATION:**

By signing below, I hereby certify that the information enclosed is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Funding Request Form Submitted By: Hunter Estes and Richard Howell**

**Name of Group Student Chair:**

**Hunter Estes and Richard Howll**

**Signature of Group Student Chair (type your name):**

*Hunter Estes and Richard Howell*

**Name of Group Advisor:**

**Erika Cohen Derr**

**Signature of Group Advisor (type your name):**

**Date:**

**Contact Email:**

**Contact Phone Number:**