**The Finance and Appropriations Committee of the 14th Senate**

*4th Meeting of the Summer Session*

Wednesday, July 1st, 2020 | Zoom Conference, 8:00 PM EST

Agenda

1. Call to Order:
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3. Briefing Topics
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      1. Deadlines are pushed back one week
      2. Missing Committee Work
      3. GUPD Fees Reform
      4. Committee Etiquette
   2. Vice Chair’s Briefing
   3. Team Leads
4. New Business
   1. [Memos Reviewing Historical Funding](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eygpb_YkcHK3Yzf_8Rqplj26W4UubI27?usp=sharing)
      1. SAC
      2. CSJ-ABSO
      3. PAAC
      4. CMSF
   2. Senate Culture/FinApp Culture
5. Housekeeping
   1. Photo
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**Next Meeting: July 8th, 2020 at 8 PM EST on Zoom**

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      1. SAC

-commitment to objectivity and equity

-stringent budget guide

-no bias complaints

-So objective, hard to cut because no value judgements

-more and more requests

-New SAC Internal Audit System

-New CSE Budget Management System

-NCD problems

-Olivia: not SAC-specific, all advisory boards

-Shirley: SAC has a responsibility to advise boards to spend better, CSJ has incentives, mission-based spenders

-Winston: FinApp has role to work with CSE in facilitating alumni fundraising

-Shirley: Not having value judgments hinders ability to make impact

-Amaan: There is a lot of grey area

-Amaan: Inflation in club requests

-part of it is negative feedback cycles

-request, request, request

NCD

-Olivia: cab puts it on a huge spread sheet

and. during the ncd process each advisory board sends a rep and there is a long reading app process and people try to pass around clubs

so thats why sometimes boards get thrown a random club even if their rep said they didnt want it

* + 1. CSJ-ABSO

-CSJ has significant decreases every year

-had a lot of problems with advisory board initially, but expanded number of advisors

-mission-based funders, eco-friendly policy, etc.

-good club culture incentives

-a lot of student orgs actually underspent

-need better funding policies

-have a lot of thoughts on FinApp

-Fall liaison didn’t show up

-have recommendations for budget process

-need more time to deliberate and apply for funding

-would be helpful for them to take into account NCD projections

-that’s why they ask for more

-need more sensitivity to perception of CSJ-ABSO

-it’s not only off-campus work

-long-term budget concerns

-NCD, expansions of club programming

-they’ve been going over the reserve amount

-wishlists, early projections?

-All of DC Public Schools require testing and fingerprints now

-decrease in membership

-Always have problems with vans

-Eric: time constraint comment is important

-need deadlines confirmed early on

-leadership transition already happened in spring

* + 1. PAAC

-shocking to read about their situation

-talked with Olivia

-three years ago, situation similar to SAC

-large reserve account was huge issue

-they requested over 100k that year, only got 30k

-they had been getting 70-80k

-forcing PAAC to dip into reserves was getting constant

-Eric: So many problems in the 13th Senate

-Holhauzer’s FinApp

-Winston: how should we take into account size of reserves

-Ron was making decisions, students had little input

-recognize need for large reserves, but not necessarily 300k of reserves

-big cut was because

1. Tough decision
2. Merit of cutting reserves (300k to 150k)

Olivia:

-having big reserves is very useful for facilities

-theatre, dance studio, a lot of really shitty equipment

-paying Department to use spaces

-paying technician, to do lighting, etc.

-technically not university department

Hamilton:

-should encourage making fine arts a university department

* + 1. CMSF

-pretty straightforward

-noted that past few years, steady increase

-two-fold

1. Well-organized and documented finances

-all clubs are mandated to go through multiple rounds of revisions and clubs

-helps GUSA to see where every dollar is being spent

1. Interest and participation is skyrocketing
   1. 11 currently, 2 new - PSA, etc.
      1. Fairly large increase in membership
         1. Maybe political polarization leads people to build solidarity through religious communities
         2. Ramadan falling in fall semester for next 10 years

They seem to be satisfied with previous liaisons, would appreciate an earlier release date

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