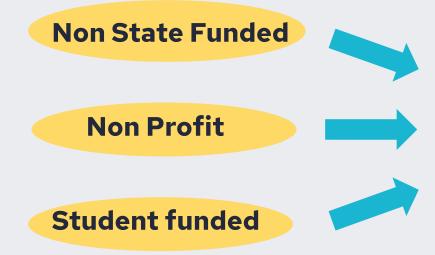


# Authorized Signers Workshop

# In this Workshop, we will cover....

- 1) A.S. Financial Structure
- 2) The Authorized Signer Process
- 3) Common Financial Policies Limitations & Exceptions
- 4) Policies regarding Contracts/Speakers Fees, Sustainable Purchasing, and Approved Travel
- 5) Requisition Process and Filling Out a Form
- 6) Budget Process



Associated Students of UCSB

\$238.67

Quarterly student fee in Fall, Winter, and Spring as of 2024

\$209.80

Quarterly student fee in Summer

Funding for 77 different boards, committees, and commissions and at least 500 Registered Campus Organizations













#### **Eligibility for Associated Students Funding**

- An official A.S. Organization
- An official University Unit (campus department, etc.)
- An in status SEAL Registered Campus Organization (RCO) listed on Shoreline (have to be re-registered annually)
- RCOs must be registered for five academic weeks

Associated Students does not fund any organization whose membership is contingent upon:

Gender

→ GPA

→ Race

→ Faith

Ethnicity

Ideological beliefs

Sexual orientation

Fellowship

<sup>\*</sup>Finance Committee may fund activities or events for groups provided that they are open to all UCSB students

Associated Students undergoes an extensive external audit process

# Authorized Signer Process



# What is an Authorized Signer?

- Student Officer, Advisor, or University staff member responsible for the financial matters of the org
- For a requisition to be processed, an organization must have two different authorized signers sign off
- You cannot sign off on a requisition made payable to yourself, so every organization should have at least 3 authorized signers



# How to become an Authorized Signer

- 1. Attend a workshop
- 2. Complete and turn in signature forms to the A.S. Administration office and fill and complete the online authorized signers application.



# What does it mean to be an Authorized Signer?

When filling out or approving a requisition, it is your responsibility to ask yourself:

- 1. Is the expenditure appropriate?
- 2. Does the expenditure fit with the mission?
- 3. Does it include all supporting documents?
- 4. Has it been approved within the org?
- 5. Was a financial policy exception needed and acquired?

# How to Request Funding

# How to Request Funding

- A) Finance Committee or other A.S. Entity that aligns with your mission
- B) Prepare a detailed budget
- C) Register and submit an F&B application on Fluxx to get on the F&B agenda by Sunday 4pm. <a href="https://asucsb.fluxx.io">https://asucsb.fluxx.io</a>
- Finance Committee meets Mondays at 4pmWE DO NOT MEET ON Monday holidays OR during Week 10
- E) Send an informed representative to present and answer committee questions

# Common questions asked by Committee

- 1) Tell us more about your event.
- 2) Is this event open to all UCSB students?
- 3) How will this benefit the campus community?
- 4) Have you sought other sources of funding?
- 5) What line items would you prioritize?
- 6) Specifics & rationale for line items that may break/fall in the grey area of policy
  - i) e.g. t-shirts, equipment, travel



# Finance Committee Logo

If funded by Finance Committee, all advertising materials must include the Finance Committee logo.

More information can be found at:

https://asfb.as.ucsb.edu/logos/

# **Expenditure Approvals**

- For A.S. Boards, Committees, and Units (BCUs), requisitions can only be completed for events approved by the BCU, with attached meeting minutes showing that approval.
- For SEAL Registered Campus Organizations, requisitions for reimbursement can only be approved if prior approval was granted by the Finance Committee.

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# Common Financial Policy Limitations and Exceptions



# A.S. Financial Policies and Procedures

"Financial Policies and Procedures" can be found on the A.S. website at:

www.as.ucsb.edu/documents/governing-do <u>cuments</u>

#### **Governing Documents**

#### Legal Code

- 2020-21 Legal Code (861 downloads)
- 2019-20 Legal Code (1407 downloads)
- 2018-19 Legal Code (1827 downloads)
- 2017-18 Legal Code
- · 2016-17 LEGAL CODE winter
- 2016-17 Legal Code
- 2015-16 Legal Code
- 2014-15 Legal Code

#### Financial Policy & Procedure Guide

- 2020-2021 Financial Policies and Procedures (156 downloads)
- 2019-20 Financial Policies and Procedures (291 downloads)
- 2018-19 Financial Policies and Procedures (422 downloads)
- · 2016-17 Financial Policies and Procedures
- 2015-16 Financial Policies and Procedures

# Limitations on A.S. Funding

- Travel or Transportation Costs
- Food expenditures (max \$1k)
- Expenses related to off-campus events/activities (excluding IV and Goleta State Beach)
- Decorations
- Personal items (i.e. costumes or personalized shirts).

- Awards, trophies, scholarships for individuals, (gifts cards, etc.)
- Fundraisers for own org
- Equipment purchases
  - rentals allowed
  - equipment that can't be rented yet is essential to the mission of your org is allowed

# **Exception to Financial Policy**

- A) Finance Committee may, at its discretion, make an exception to policies by a two-thirds vote of the board.
- B) **SEAL RCOs**: One-time Exception once per year per organization for one policy.
- **A.S. BCUs**: May receive more than one, but must come to Finance Committee to request exception BEFORE spending funds.
- D) No retroactive requests will be approved.

# How to Request an Exception

# It's the same process as requesting funding, just clarify your org would like to employ its exception

- A) Submit an Finance Committee application on Fluxx to get on the agenda by Sunday 4pm. <a href="https://asucsb.fluxx.io">https://asucsb.fluxx.io</a>
  - a) A.S. BCUs requesting an exception only, select "Policy Exception" in the Project Type drop-down menu.
- B) An informed representative MUST go to Finance Committee on Monday at 4pm <u>BEFORE money is spent!</u>

# 4 Contracts / Speakers Fees



# Contracts/Speaker Fees

- A.S. contracts **must** have the A.S. Executive Director's signature before payment can be made.
- SEAL RCOs: use a SEAL Contract Template
- Contracts cannot be signed by students.
- It is strictly forbidden for student groups to pay the performer directly and then seek reimbursement.
  - -Admin will pay speakers directly



# Contracts/Speakers Fees

Requisitions must be turned into A.S. Admin with a signed performance contract. All performance contracts must have a performance contract number

Please start this process by contacting your advisor



# Contracts/Speakers Fees

- We need a W-9 for all independent contractors (or a W-8 BEN for international contractors)
- Per university policy, speakers and performers must also acquire insurance.

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# **Contracts/Speakers Fee**

In summary, documentation made payable to a speaker/performer/entertainer must include:

- 1. Requisition with all appropriate information
- 2. **Performance contract** dated, signed, & initialed by performer
- 3. Finance Committee **Meeting Minutes** where your funds were approved
- 4. **W-9** with performers tax information and signature
- 5. A.S. BCUs: Certificate of Insurance (COI): see your A.S. advisor



# **Contracts/Speakers Fees**

- → Submit the completed paperwork a minimum
   of (2) weeks prior to the event
- → Checks will be paid to the speaker/entertainer the day of the event, or mailed after the day of the event



## **Ticket Sales**

### **Selling tickets for your event?**

- → ALL ticket sales must be through the A.S. Ticket Office. No Venmo, Zelle, cash sales, etc. are allowed.
- → Ticket Sales are to cover event costs- fundraising for your own organization is against policy



Certified compostable single-use food service products, including: plates, bowls, utensils, cups, and napkins, must be purchased for events and guests

These can be purchased through the Zero Waste Committee site: <a href="https://zerowaste.as.ucsb.edu/">https://zerowaste.as.ucsb.edu/</a>



- No single use water bottles may be purchased.
- 5 gallon jug pumps must be used for event hydration stations.
- Events must have at least 1 compost & recycling bin for each landfill bin. A.S. Recycling provides this service: <a href="https://recycling.as.ucsb.edu/">https://recycling.as.ucsb.edu/</a>

### **T-Shirts**

- → T Shirts are for awareness campaigns only
  - must either meet the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS), be Fair Trade certified, or be Made in the USA out of 100% recycled materials
- Please provide a design of your shirt with your funding request (preferably via Fluxx)



All public events with more than 30 attendees that provide food must have vegetarian and vegan options

More information can be found at:

sustainability.as.ucsb.edu/





All travel must be approved by the Finance Committee

- A.S. Staff and Execs need A.S. Executive Director's approval only
- → A.S. will not fund travel for personal or social expenses.
- Must attach conference announcement on Fluxx for all Conference travel requests
  - Attach proof that travel isn't for a social or personal purpose
- When using personal cars for travel, must provide proof of insurance.



- All travel costs must be accounted for with original, itemized
   receipts stating exactly what was purchased
- Receipts must be turned in 2 months after returning from pre-approved travel
- Refer to the A.S. Financial Policies for
  - mileage and gas reimbursement calculations
  - Meal reimbursement allowances



# What is a Requisition Form?

Requisition Forms are filled out and processed in order for organizations to finalize payments and reimbursements.

On the right hand side, you'll see the 2024-25 A.S. UCSB Requisition Form, which is a fillable PDF found on this A.S UCSB website.

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# Before filling out a Requisition Form

You will need the following items for a complete Requisition Form:

- The event for which any expenditures were made was approved\* by the affiliated BCU or RCO.
- Physical receipts and invoices associated with the expenditure.
- At least two Authorized Signers who can sign off on the form. One of these Authorized Signers cannot be the student the requisition is being made out to.



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Fill Payable To to whoever is receiving the money.

List the vendor if it is an invoice (i.e., Kyle's Kitchen). List the individual person on the receipt if it is a reimbursement. If it is a campus service or space reservation, please make it payable to "UC Regents."

The Submit Date is when you complete the form. Please format it as MM/DD/YYYY).

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For businesses/external people, please find the relevant information and put it here.
Typically you can find their address and contact information on the invoice.

When filling out your or another student's Street Address, we highly recommend you put down a permanent address, as opposed to your Isla Vista address. This is for instances in which we have to mail the check.

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The vast majority of requisitions will be checks or purchase orders, depending on if you or another individual is receiving a reimbursement (check) or if the requisition is for an invoice (purchase order).

See the next slides on the other types of requisitions.

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# **Requisition Process**

A detailed look at the process can be found online at:

www.as.ucsb.edu/requisition-form/

This process is completed by A.S. Administration.



# **Requisition Process**

There are three different types of requisitions:

- 1. Checks
- 2. Purchase Orders
- 3. Journal Entries (BCU specific)

#### Checks

Checks are the most common form of requisition for A.S. BCUs and SEAL RCOs. Checks are primarily used for reimbursements, which occurs after you are approved for funding, pay for the approved expenditure out of your pocket, and then receive the approved amount back from the Association.

For requisition forms resulting in checks, make sure to attach the original receipt as well as the meeting minutes where the funding was approved.





#### Checks

Checks are used for <u>reimbursements</u>. When submitting a requisition for a check, you must include:

- Attached original itemized receipts (no scans, pictures, or photocopies)
- 2. Meeting minutes where the funds were approved
- 3. Signed & completed (pink) requisition form

#### **Purchase Orders**

Purchase Orders (POs) are promises by organizations to pay for services or goods. POs require a final invoice to be submitted to <u>invoices@as.ucsb.edu</u> in order for the payment to be processed.

#### POs take two forms:

- Open POs When a specific amount of money is set aside for recurring charges. This helps to encumber recurring costs.
- One-Time POs Used to streamline the requisition process for vendor payments. Please submit One-Time POs to A.S. UCSB Admin with all necessary documentation (complete requisition form, meeting minutes, and final invoice from the vendor).

In general, Purchase Orders are the most effective way to bypass paying out of pocket and going through the check reimbursement process.



### **Purchase Orders**

Purchase Orders in this essence are a "promise to pay". PO's do not require any documentation to accompany the initial requisition, but payment will not be completed until final invoices are received

When submitting a requisition for a purchase order include:

- 1. Attached original invoices
- 2. Finance Committee meeting minutes where the funds were approved
- 3. Signed & completed requisition form

### **Journal Entries**

Journal Entries are only used by A.S. BCUs. A journal entry is used to transfer funds from one A.S. account to another.

You do not need to attach a receipt or invoice as this is a transfer rather than expended funds. However, you still need to attach to the complete requisition form meeting minutes from when and where the transfer of funding was approved by your organization.

### Gateway Order/ Gateway Vendor Blanket

Gateway Order and Gateway Vendor Blanket represent payment through UC Santa Barbara's Gateway Vendor portal. See additional slides later!

#### Other

Other represents alternative payment options, such as cash, electronic transfer, or other approved Business Services payment instruments. Payments that fall under this category must be approved by A.S. UCSB Admin prior to selection and submission of the requisition form.



### **Journal Entries**

Journal entries should be used for to transfer funds from one organization's A.S. account to another's. When submitting a requisition for a journal entry, you must include:

- 1. **Meeting minutes** where the transfer of funds were approved (with appropriate sections highlighted)
- 2. Requisition form (check the "journal entry" option)

This is the group (i.e., the name of the RCO or BCU) and meeting date of when funding for this expenditure was passed.

After filling out the requisition form fully, you will need to attach a copy of the meeting minutes.

For RCOs, you must check to ensure the Finance Committee has approved the expenditure and it's been ratified by the A.S. Senate..

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Language and instructions on filling out requisition forms was created by Adam Majcher ('23), former Chair of the A.S. UCSB Finance Committee. We thank Adam for his help!

For Event Name, please write, as best you can fit, the name of the event. For example, "IVCRC Farmer's Market 2025" or "CFF Spring Speaker Series 2024."

On the Date box here, write the date in which this event happened.

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Cat. # (Category Number) and Event # are for A.S. BCUs only.

Within every BCU budget, there are categories in which the monies are allocated. Categories include 7100 - Honoraria, 7800 - Travel & Conference, and 7900 - Special Projects, to name a few.

To see your full list of categories, please review your organization's budget sheet.



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For Description, try your best to be as detailed as possible regarding what is being paid for and why. You don't need to be repetitive or overly descriptive, but we should know the following:

- What was the item?
- What was it for?
- From where was it purchased?

#### For example:

Kyle's Kitchen Crispy Chicken Sandwiches for student event attendees.



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Unit Price is the price of one item listed on the line.

Amount is the Unit Price multiplied by the Quantity.

#### For example:

John purchased 5 pizzas from Costco for \$10 each. The amount would \$50. Math rocks!

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Subtotal is calculated by adding everything together pre-tax, pre-tip, and pre-shipping-and-handling.

Shipping & Handling is, of course, for shipping and handling. However, you can also use this box for tips/gratuity!

Just be sure to mark it clearly.

Sales Tax is for sales tax!

Total is the everything added up.

Always remember to make sure that the total on the requisition form matches the receipts' total!



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Signers come into play! You need two Authorized Signers per requisition form; and if the requisition is for yourself, you cannot be one of the two signers. This is why all organizations need at least three Authorized Signers in order to access funding.

For questions about the Authorized Signers process + workshops, please contact members of the AS Finance Committee.

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## How requisitions are processed

Requisitions are processes and paid out by A.S. Admin, **not by the Finance Committee** 

A.S. Admin email: requisitions@as.ucsb.edu



# Common Reasons Why a Requisition is Held Up

- Lack of original receipts or invoices
- → Not a registered authorized signer
- Lack of funds in the account
- Expenditure breaks financial policy with no proof of exception
- Missing meeting minutes
- Lack of information (inadequate description, incorrect totals, incorrect account name and number, uninformed representative)
- account numbers (can be found <u>HERE</u>)
  - Or google "ucsb what's my account number"

# 8 Budget Process

Not relevant to RCOs, only BCUs receive yearly budgets from the Finance Committee.

# The Budget Cycle Process

Every year, the Boards, Committees, and Units (BCUs) within the Association must go through the Budget Cycle Process

This process results in the budgets given to all organizations within A.S., following a multi-step recommendation and review process. The next slides will give a brief overview of what to expect.



# Budget Cycle Process | Winter Quarter 2025

	Week 5 W25	All A.S. entities will receive a budget packet from the Financial Operations Team during the first week of February (Week 5 of Winter 2025), detailing their projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
l	Week 9 W25	Budget hearings are scheduled to begin during the first week of March (Week 9 of Winter 2025). During this time, organizations will be asked to explain their budget changes and answer questions from the Budget Allocation Committee.
		<ul> <li>If an organization with a lock-in fee is asking for over \$150 or more than the amount of their lock-in, they must attend a budget hearing. Otherwise, all lock-in organizations are only required to submit the budget packet.</li> <li>University departments that receive A.S. funding shall be required to attend the budget hearing and present their use of such funds. Failure to comply with this regulation forfeits the organization's entitlement to any A.S. funding.</li> </ul>
	Week 10 W25 to Week 1 S25	The Finance Committee will meet in closed session to formulate a budget and make a recommendation to the A.S. President by the first week of Spring 2025.

### Budget Cycle Process | Spring Quarter 2025

Week 2 S25	The A.S. President will formulate a preliminary budget, based on the Finance Committee's recommendations, and present it back to that Committee by the end of Week 2 of Spring 2025.
Week 4 S25	The revised preliminary budget will be forwarded to the A.S. Senate by Week 4 of the Spring 2025 for their tentative review.
Week 5 S25	The A.S. President will then forward their final proposed budget to the Senate by Week 5 of Spring 2025 to begin the official Senate review process.
Weeks 5 to 6 S25	The Senate must consider and take any actions on the President's final budget by the end of Week 6 of Spring 2025.
	If no action of any kind is taken by the Senate by the end of Week 6, then it is assumed that the President's budget for Fiscal Year 2026 is approved.
Weeks 7 to Week 10 S25	All A.S. entities are notified of their Fiscal Year 2026 budgets by the Financial Operations Team.

## Submitting Rollover Requests

In the Spring Quarter, all BCUs will be asked to examine whatever remaining funds they have (or expected to have left).

Afterwards, the BCUs will be asked to submit a Rollover Request in order to have these funds considered to be moved into their budget for the following year.

Important: Groups that have remaining funds but do <u>not</u> submit Rollover Requests will have those funds moved into our general budget.



# **NEXT STEPS:** Post-Workshop

- Fill out the physical SignersSignature Form
  - Presenter will submit the form to A.S.
     Administration.
- Fill and complete the online authorized signers application.
  - Log in -> Edit profile -> Signer Portal -> Submit.

