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**Parliamentary Procedure Tip of the Week: Quorum**

Number of voting members required to pass any piece of legislation. Usually simple majority.

In a USG full assembly that means 23 out of the 44 voting members must be present. Therefore even if you can't make it, it's important to send a proxy, who can vote on your behalf and contribute to quorum. Once again, at-large representatives, the parliamentarian, the treasurer, the secretary, the speaker of the house **cannot** vote on **legislation**, however all members *can* vote on *procedural matters*.



## Committee Reports

### Executive:

The Student Executive Council began meeting this weekend to discuss the Student Life Master Plan and the Student Activities Fee Allocation. Many thanks to Vice President Gasser and the Finance for a long and arduous weekend of mass funding. I have now officially completed all meeting with representatives, if any of you have slipped through the cracks or would like to meet again do not hesitate to contact me. The internal budget of USG will be on the table for discussion tonight, please remember Vice President Gasser and the rest of the executive committee have put a lot of work into this. Have a good Thanksgiving Break and see you at the open forum!

### Student Life:

The Student Life Committee has worked on the following this week. Have a great break!

- Thanks for everyone's help on the posting policy resolution.
- The committee is looking at Plasma Screen content, how to change it, and how to better meet the needs of the campus. Reminder for all members to come to the next meeting with 5 ideas.
- We are currently reviewing the results from the Greenie survey. Come to the next meeting for a report about the survey.
- The official ruling on the taxation policy concerning case cash is that all case cash is capable of being taxed, but not in situations where the entrée is to be to go. So next time you order your bagel, be sure to note where you are going to eat it.

### Finance:

A sincere thank you to all the Finance Committee members that helped out on Saturday with mass funding. The committee reviewed \$332,135.36 in funding requests from 161 organizations. A total of \$109,690.03 was allocated to 156 organizations. Five new organizations requesting recognition were rejected for various reasons. Only eight currently recognized organizations failed to submit any paperwork. The median request was \$960 and the median allocation was \$450. 35 organizations received over \$1,000, with Footlighters being the most at \$3,500. Overall, cultural and competitive organizations received the largest average allocations, \$1,557 and \$1,348 respectively. This is only because of the expensive nature of their programs and events. 33% of all requests were funded at mass funding, with each organization type coming in fairly equivalent. All allocation figures are now available on the USG website.

The committee will be conducting appeals the week following Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Appeals consist of a short five minute presentation by organizations on why specific events or line items need to be increased. The committee has reserved the unallocated funds from the mass funding budget for appeals.

### Academic Affairs:

The Academic Affairs Committee didn't meet last week so there is no committee business to report.

### A few updates/announcements:

- A committee is being formed to rewrite the questions used in end of semester course evaluations. Two undergraduates are sitting on the committee.



- The discussion about how SAGES Capstone presentations will occur next year (first full implementation class) has been started. USG will become involved in this discussion in the early part of the spring semester.
- The Common Reading Selection Committee has begun the selection process to select a book/theme for the summer of 2009. The committee is looking to the campus community for suggestions on a theme for the year. As soon as the website is up, a link will be provided for you to submit suggestions.
- There has been no formal response about the fall break resolution passed two weeks ago.

#### Public Relations

The Public Relations Committee had a very busy week last week. Thanks to all who helped out with hot chocolate on the oval, it was a big success, handing out mugs, handing out surveys on the dog policy, and publicizing the CaseWarn system. Don't forget that next week is the open forum. If you stated interest, I will be contacting you directly. Have a great thanksgiving!

#### Information Technology:

No written report.

#### Treasurer Petrick:

No written report.



## General Assembly Bill B.17-10

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Executive Committee

Presented 13 November 2007

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*A Bill to set the Undergraduate Student Government Budget  
for the Spring 2008 semester*

**Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government it entrusted with a portion of the Student Activities Fee;

**Whereas**, it is estimated that USG will receive approximately \$118,000 for the Fall 2007 semester and have a rollover of \$28,000;

**Whereas**, it the responsibility of USG to establish a comprehensive budget for the upcoming semester;

**Whereas**, USG is dedicated to representing the student body and providing resources to undergraduate student organizations;

**Be it enacted by the Undergraduate Student Government, acting in full session:**

- I. The financial plan contained in Appendix A shall be adopted as the USG budget for Spring 2008.
- II. This budget shall be reviewed within the first two weeks of the Spring 2008 semester and a new budget shall be passed if changes are deemed appropriate.
- III. As provided for by the Operating Bylaws, the budget shall expire June 30, 2008.

## USG Budget Spring 2008

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Description</u>
Mass Funding	\$ 118,000.00	External	Finance	Mass Funding S08
Rolling Funding	\$ 7,000.00	External	Finance	Rolling Funding S08
Co-sponsorship Fund	\$ 5,000.00	External	Executive	Co-sponsorship funding to non-USG recognized organization events; decisions reported to General Assembly
Thwing Study Over	\$ 2,000.00	External	Executive	Funding for Thwing Study Over during finals week
Executive Retreat	\$ 2,500.00	Operating	Executive	Annual retreat to reflect on past year and train new Executive members for upcoming year; held in May planned by outgoing and incoming Executives; budget to be presented to General Assembly by Week 13
Inauguration	\$ 2,250.00	Operating	Public Relations	Spring inauguration dinner for incoming and outgoing USG members
Spring Retreat	\$ 1,500.00	Operating	Executive	Retreat at The Farm to develop the organization and plan for the semester
Committee Thank You Dinners	\$ 700.00	Operating	Executive	One end of year dinner for each committee to thank General Assembly members for their hard work; to be approved by Executive Committee
IT Projects	\$ 1,200.00	Operating	Information Technology	Projects to maintain and upgrade the USG website; \$15 per hour for architect work to be approved by the VP of Information Technology
Election Costs	\$ 500.00	Operating	Election Commission	Costs for advertising for USG elections
Copy Costs	\$ 500.00	Operating	Executive	Copying and printing costs for USG
Executive Discretionary	\$ 500.00	Operating	Executive	To cover additional operating costs and funding requests as determined by the Executive Committee; reported to General Assembly
USG Morale	\$ 300.00	Operating	Public Relations	Internal spending to support morale, spirit, and community among members
Mediavision	\$ 250.00	Operating	Information Technology	To cover forum streaming costs
Student Government Visit Fund	\$ 750.00	Operating	Executive	Visiting other area student governments
Mass Funding Lunch	\$ 200.00	Operating	Finance	Lunch during Mass Funding & Recognition meeting
Helium and Phone	\$ 200.00	Operating	Executive	Operating expenses for the office
Office Supplies and Maintenance	\$ 100.00	Operating	Executive	Office supplies
Administrator Speed-dating	\$ 500.00	Operating	Public Relations	Networking event to improve communication and ties between students and administrators
Public Relations Initiatives	\$ 2,000.00	Service	Public Relations	Projects for improving student morale and connecting with students as approved by the Public Relations Committee
Representative Programming	\$ 750.00	Service	General Assembly	Outreach event funding for representatives; up to \$25 per representative for each caucus
Midterm Study Break	\$ 300.00	Service	Academic Affairs	Outreach program to benefit students during midterms
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 147,000.00</b>			
<b>External</b>	\$ 132,000.00	89.8%		
<b>Operating</b>	\$ 11,950.00	8.1%		
<b>Service</b>	\$ 3,050.00	2.1%		
Estimated Student Activity Fee	\$ 118,447.00			
Estimated Rollover	\$ 28,637.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 147,084.00</b>			