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76th STUDENT SENATE Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

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A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY SIXTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes: Chapter 814 (See attached).

This bill makes minor updates to PAC and RTAC and their funding guidelines for clarity, also allows Senators who participate in PAC and RTAC to co-sponsor the consent resolution.

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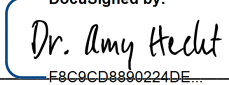
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Chapter 807 Recognized Student Organizations Fund Distribution Committees

History: Created by the 61st Senate Bills 21 and 45. Revised by the 62nd Senate Bill 39. Revised by the 62nd Senate Bill 93. Revised by the 62nd Senate Bill 94. Revised by the 63rd Senate Bill 77. Revised by the 64th Senate Bills 6 and 7. Revised by the 65th Senate Bill 95. Revised by the 66th Senate Bill 5. Revised by the 69th Senate Bill 18. Revised by the 70th Senate Bill 34. Revised by the 70th Senate. Revised by the 71st Senate Bill 39, Bill 69, 101. Revised by the 72nd Senate Bill 8, 27, 53. Revised by the 73rd Senate Bill 48, 64. Revised by the 74th Senate Bill 7. Revised by the 75th Senate Bills 10, 13, 15, 40, 68, and 91.

807.1 Title and Purpose

A. Title

This act shall be known as the RSO Fund Distribution Committees Act.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this act is to explicitly outline the process by which Recognized Student Organizations can receive funds on an expenditure-by-expenditure basis.

807.2 The Resource for Travel Allocations Committee

The Resource for Travel Allocations Committee will be responsible for hearing requests placed by Recognized Student Organizations that deal with expenditures in the following categories:

1. Travel/Expense
2. Mileage Reimbursement
3. Lodging
4. Registration

807.3 The Programming Allocations Committee

The Programming Allocations Committee will be responsible for hearing requests placed by Recognized Student Organizations that deal with expenditures in the following categories:

1. Contractual Services
2. Food
3. Any Expense or Clothing expenditures that are in direct association with the RSO.

807.4 Construction of the Fund Distribution Committees

- A. Each Fund Distribution Committee will be made up of ten (10) students registered for six (6) or more credit hours in the Fall/Spring Semesters.
 1. Senators may be allowed to count toward quorum as acting members for RTAC and PAC at the discretion of the Chair.
 2. There must be a minimum of three (3) members or acting members of the respective committee present for any official business to occur. The Chair shall not count for this quorum.
 3. Members of the Senate Finance Committee shall be excluded to count towards quorum on funding boards.
 4. All students serving on Funding Distribution Committees, even if in an acting capacity, must be financially certified by the SGA Accounting Office prior to participating in any committee business.

- B. The Chair of the Campus Recreation Board must select two (2) members to be on each committee. The Chair of the Union Board must select two (2) members to be on each committee. The remaining four (4) individuals will be members at large. Students wishing to serve as members at large shall apply through the online SGA application. The respective funding board chairs shall conduct interview processes for at-large members and forward candidates to the Student Body President for confirmation pursuant to Section 304.3(D). The selected candidates shall then be forwarded to the Finance Committee and then to the Senate as a whole for confirmation. Members selected from the Union Board and Campus Recreation Board need not be confirmed and will take their seats at the committee once the Student Senate President and Committee chair receive their nominations.
 1. Committee member's terms shall expire upon the end of each Spring semester.
 2. No committee member may vote on funds for an organization of which they are a member.
 3. Committee members will be allowed three (3) excused absences (as defined by Florida State University policy) and two (2) unexcused absences, at which point the Chair may remove that member. If the member is from Union Board or

Campus Recreation Board, the respective Board must forward another candidate.

- a. For an absence to be excused, the committee member must notify the Chair before the start of the meeting, providing information as to why they will not be present. Such decision shall be subject to the discretion of the Chair.
 - b. A lack of notification prior to the meeting shall be determined excused or unexcused at the discretion of the Chair.
 - c. Two (2) tardies shall count as an unexcused absence.
- C. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Program Allocations Committee (PAC) and the Resource for Travel Allocations Committee (RTAC) will be Senators elected by the Senate as a whole. The elections shall be conducted in the same manner as that of the Student Senate President. The Chairs and Vice Chairs shall not sit on any other Senate Standing Committee.
1. The Chair and Vice Chair of each committee shall be elected during Senate, the first week following the Spring Inauguration.
 2. In the event that a Chair or Vice Chair is removed from office, resigns their position as chair or discontinues their role as a Student Senator, an election shall be held in the same manner described in 807.4 C to fill the position. The newly elected Senator shall serve out the remainder of the time in office.
 3. The Chair shall:
 - a. Preside over all meetings of the Fund Distribution Committee.
 - b. Collect all Funding Request Forms from the Accounting Office or online.
 - c. Represent the Fund Distribution Committee on all official business, including as the primary sponsor on all consent resolution originating from the committee.
 - d. Be responsible for all official correspondence.
 - e. Call special meetings.
 - f. Act as a non-voting member, except in the case of a tie.
 - g. Shall not serve as the Chair of any other Fund Distribution Committee.

- h. Be required to provide all information submitted by RSOs to the Finance Committee and full Senate at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the meeting.

4. The Vice Chair shall:

- a. Attend all committee hearings and keep accurate minutes of all meetings, hearings and deliberations.
- b. Keep all records that pertain to official Fund Distribution Committee business.
- c. Act as presiding officer of the committee in the absence of the Chair.
- d. Serve as co-sponsor for each consent resolution, and present them to the Finance Committee and the Senate in the absence of the Chair.
- e. Perform any other duties deemed necessary by the Chair.

5. Removal from Office

- a. The Student Senate may remove from office the Chair or Vice Chair of either committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senate at any time, with no less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Student Senate being present.

807.5 Recognized Student Organization Funding Process

- A. Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) cannot request or receive funds in the areas of contractual services, expense, events, clothing, awards, travel, organization materials, lodging or registration from the College Leadership Council.

807.6 RTAC and PAC Guidelines

- A. ~~Organizations which received funds in Student Academic Programs or any other A&S Funding Board, Committee, or line item in the annual budget except for PAC, RTAC, or Senate Projects shall be ineligible to receive funding from PAC or RTAC the same fiscal year in which they receive other funding. This does not apply to RSOs that received money from the organizational fund.~~ Organizations will not be eligible for additional funding from PAC or RTAC within the same fiscal year if they have received allocations from Student Academic Programs or any other Activity and Service Funding Board, Committee, or specific budget line item. However, organizations are exempt from this restriction if they receive funding from PAC, RTAC, Senate Projects, or the organizational fund.

- B. Fund Distribution Committees shall not meet during any summer semesters.
 - 1. RSOs requesting funds to be used in May or June may request before the end of the Spring semester.
 - 2. RSOs requesting funds to be used after July 1 shall go directly to the Student Senate to ask for money out of Senate Projects. At the conclusion of the summer semester, the funds distributed to the RSOs out of Senate Projects shall be reimbursed from the respective fund distribution committee via a transfer bill up to \$2,000 per Committee.
- C. All organizations requesting funding must be financially certified prior to making request. At least one financially certified officer must be present at the funding hearing.
- D. Committees will meet on Monday or Tuesday of each week, pending requests from RSOs.
 - 1. The Chair shall send out a notice of meeting time and location to RSOs via email. The notification must be sent out by the chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting time.
- E. All submissions must be made prior to 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before the hearing. Submissions must include three (3) supporting/competitive quotes from approved vendors for each category the RSO is requesting funds or, or must include sufficient evidence, at the discretion of the Chair, of a satisfactory attempt to find three (3) or more quotes. Requests in the category of contractual services may be exempted from this rule if deemed necessary by the committee.
 - 1. All requests must be submitted at least twenty-one (21) business days prior to event or activity to receive funding from PAC and at least thirty (30) business days prior to travel date to receive funding from RTAC. Any request submitted after the aforementioned dates may still be considered for funding at the discretion of the chair with the approval of the SGA Business Manager.
 - 2. All requests must be of a line item nature with quotes (clothing costs, performer costs, reservation costs, equipment rental, facility rental, airline ticket quotes, rental car quotes, hotel quotes, etc.), and a letter of explanation of need attached to the request packet, along with an explanation of the benefits to the student body in general.

3. Any amount requested by a single organization over \$2,000 requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Fund Distribution Committee, a two-thirds (2/3) vote the Senate Finance Committee, and a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate.
 4. RSOs can only request for funds that will be used within ninety (90) business days. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee can override this rule.
- F. There are limitations to multiple requests made by the same RSO in the same fiscal year.
1. An organization may not be allocated funds from PAC more than twice per fiscal year. This rule may be waived by a two-third (2/3) vote of the committee.
 2. An organization may not be allocated funds from RTAC more than twice per fiscal year. This rule may be waived by a two third (2/3) vote of the committee.
 3. Organizations may only request clothing from PAC once per fiscal year.
The clothing must be used to promote the organization which is requesting them.
- G. All events must be publicly advertised via either a flyer, social media, chalking on campus, etc. RSOs must submit an estimate of the number of FSU students that are likely to attend the event.
1. The Committee shall not fund for events which are likely to only have group members attend and have no general benefit to the student body.
 2. The Committee shall not fund for events which are exclusive to a club or organization's executive board. This rule may be waived by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of the committee.
- H. Every organization must submit a post event evaluation form, along with their receipts from the event, to the SGA Accounting Office, within ten (10) business days following the event.
- I. The information obtained at the committee meeting will be compiled into a consent resolution by the committee Chair. This consent resolution will be presented at the next possible Senate Finance Committee meeting, and shall be discussed, debated, and voted on in compliance with the committee's rules of procedure. An amendment to the resolution must be debated if objected to or found unfriendly with a period of questions and pro/con debate

subject to the committee's rule of procedures. If found unfriendly, an amendment would require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate Finance Committee to pass. Thereafter, the consent resolution shall be forwarded to the Student Senate, and placed on the Consent Calendar.

1. It shall be the job of the Senate Finance Committee, RTAC, and PAC to keep a working knowledge of their budgets and they shall not pass any Resolutions exceeding the possible allottable amounts as determined by the publicly accessible SGA website.
- J. Once on the Consent Calendar, the consent resolution shall be presented to the Student Senate. The Student Senate President must read aloud the RSO name, and amount to be allocated, as approved by the Senate Finance Committee. A motion to confirm the decision of the Senate Finance Committee must be made and seconded for the Resolution to pass. If objected to, the consent resolution shall be treated as any other piece of legislation, and shall require a majority vote for passage.
1. Amendments to a Consent Resolution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass.
- K. PAC and RTAC shall allocate up to 50% of their originally allocated budgets during the Fall semester. All unspent funds in the Fall can be spent in the Spring semester.