

## Article IX Revisions

### Title Change

Original text:

### **Article IX Student Activity Fee Allocation Review**

Revised text:

### **Article IX Student Activity Fee**

### Student Governments Fee Revision

Original text:

#### **Section B. Distribution Guidelines**

The Council shall determine the distribution of the Fee into broad funding categories, in accordance with the following stipulations:

- a. The student governments shall receive a minimum of 10% of the fee. This minimum amount is not subject to reduction regardless of the amount of the Fee.

Revised text:

#### **Section B. Distribution Guidelines**

The Council shall determine the distribution of the Fee into broad funding categories, in accordance with the following stipulations:

- a. The student governments shall receive a minimum of 7% of the non-fixed allocated portion of the Fee.

Additional Section:

- f. The reallocation committee shall be chaired by a student, and made up of the following members:
  - a. Three USG representatives
  - b. One CGS representative
  - c. One IPC representative
  - d. One Student Life representative
  - e. Two Ohio Union representatives, including the CSA/SAF Accountant
  - f. One general student body member

### Reconciliation/Carry Forward Procedures

Additional Section:

### **Section C. Redistribution of Student Activity Reconciliation and Carry Forward Dollars**

In the event that a sizeable cash balance of Student Activity Fee dollars exists, a formal reallocation process shall be established by CSA. The goal of this reallocation is to fund student programs across campus that align with the spirit of the Fee. The intent of this to either strengthen current SAF beneficiaries, or to assist other programs with a one-time funding opportunity.

#### Definitions

- a. **Reconciliation** is defined as Student Activity Fee dollars that are added to SAF cash balance from the university based on misestimation of enrollment or other causes.
- b. **Carry Forward** is defined as any SAF dollars that go unused by SAF beneficiaries in previous years. Should greater than 10% of SAF dollars allocated to any beneficiary go unused in an academic year, those dollars will be returned to CSA. Beneficiaries may appeal to CSA by the third full council meeting of the autumn semester to regain any amount of those carry forward dollars.
- c. For the purposes of this section “**Anticipated SAF Income**” (ASI) shall be understood to be the amount equal to the current annualized Student Activity Fee for the Columbus campus multiplied by the average Fall student enrollment for the Columbus campus (as published by the office of Institutional Research and Planning) for the prior 3 academic years. EXAMPLE: 2014-15 Academic year

SAF=\$75

Enrollment:

2013-14=57,466

2012-13=56,387

2011-12=56,867

Average enrollment=56,907

2014-15 Anticipated SAF Income= \$4,268,025

In any academic year in which the SAF funds available, whether through Reconciliation or Carry Forward, exceed an amount equal to the ASI, the Council on Student Affairs shall have the option to distribute those funds outside of the published SAF formula.

- a. It shall be the responsibility of the CSA/SAF Accountant to notify the Council that SAF funds in excess of the ASI are available.

- b. At the CSA meeting immediately following notification that such funds are available, exercising the option not to apply the *published SAF distribution* formula shall require a majority of the full Council voting in the affirmative.
- c. If the option is exercised, then at the next full council meeting, the Council shall decide by a majority vote whether to follow one of *two* plans for distributing the excess funds:
  - i. Notify all current SAF beneficiaries and the Columbus campus community of the possibility for additional allocations, along with an application submission deadline of not less than 1 month beyond date of notification.
    - The CSA Allocations Committee shall review the applications and make recommendations to the full CSA not later than one month following the submission deadline.
    - Distributions will be subject to final approval of CSA full council.
    - CSA full council shall create the application and have the power to make any edits to the application requirements and guidelines prior to the release of it.
    - Fundable expenses must comply with all Ohio State University purchasing policies.
  - ii. An alternative distribution plan determined by the CSA. Such a plan must comply with all Ohio State University purchasing policies, and be approved by a 2/3 majority of the council's voting members.
- d. If by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting following notification of the availability of funds in excess of the ASI, no plan for distribution has been adopted, such funds shall be distributed in accordance with the published SAF distribution formula then in effect.
- e. If by the 5<sup>th</sup> month following notification of the availability of funds in excess of the ASI, Council has not approved a distribution plan, such funds shall be distributed in accordance with the published SAF distribution formula then in effect.