

Government of the Student Body Finance Priorities and Criteria Allocations for Fiscal Year 2009

Definition of the Process

The Government of the Student Body (GSB) receives funds from designated student activity fees. These funds are given to the GSB to promote student life on campus through the funding of student organizations. The task given to the GSB Finance Committee is to make recommendations to the GSB Senate regarding the distribution of these fees through the Regular and Special Allocations processes. Through the GSB Law, regulations for the distribution of these funds for the 2009 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) have been established. These regulations are stated in this document.

Finance Priorities

The Government of the Student Body's priorities of funding programs and organizations for the Regular and Special Allocations processes for the 2009 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) shall be in the order stated:

- 1. Those that promote and support the University Mission.***
- 2. Those that add to the educational experience of ISU students by encouraging learning outside of the classroom.***
- 3. Those that provide a service to ISU students in need.***
- 4. Those that further international or ethnic development and understanding at ISU.***
- 5. Those that provide ISU students with recreational and competitive activities.***
- 6. Those that encourage positive interaction between ISU students and the Ames community.***

General Rules

Fundamental Requirements for Organizations Requesting Funds

Each organization that is requesting funds from the Government of the Student Body (GSB) is required to follow all local, state, and federal laws and also required by the GSB Bylaws to exhibit the following characteristics:

- ? The organization shall be officially recognized with the Student Activities Center (SAC) or by the GSB Senate.
- ? The organization shall abide by and provide evidence through governing documents that outlines adherence to the Iowa State University non-discrimination affirmative action policy as adopted.
- ? The organization shall provide a broad, tangible benefit to the University community.
- ? The organization shall be open to all activity fee-paying students and spouse cardholders.
- ? The organization's meetings shall be open to the public unless permitted to close them under Iowa Open Meetings Law.
- ? The organization shall demonstrate a consistent service to the University as a functional student organization.
- ? The organization shall not contribute financial or material support to, or accept financial or material support from, any political party or campaign, endorse a political party or candidacy other than for GSB elections, excluding activities that further the principles of citizenship, politics, and patriotism. Campus publications shall be able to endorse candidates for any office in sections clearly marked as opinion sections.
- ? The organization shall not request designated student fees money for the purposes of satisfying debts to either the GSB or outside entities.
- ? The organization shall not be a college or residence area GSB constituency council.
- ? Members shall not receive academic credit for membership in the organization.
- ? The organization shall not vote as a member of one or more college council(s).
- ? The organization shall not receive funding or be sponsored by one or more any academic department(s), college(s), or college council(s).
- ? The organization shall not consist of students primarily from a particular academic department.
- ? The organization shall not exist, primarily, to assist students in attaining an internship, a scholarship, or a professional degree status.
- ? The organization shall not maintain an affiliation with a professional organization.

Authority of Implementation

The Finance Committee is empowered through the Constitution and Bylaws to act on behalf of the Senate on all financial matters, including the interpretation, application, and enforcement of this document. All references within this document to the Senate or the GSB give authority to the Finance Committee, as the sanctioned representative for financial affairs of the Legislative branch. The Finance Committee is empowered by the GSB Law to represent the Government in all appropriate financial proceedings, unless specifically prohibited or limited by GSB Law. All actions of the Finance Committee are subject to review and/or modification by the Senate.

Budget Line Item

All GSB funds must be spent according to the line items in the GSB approved budgets. Any funds not spent according to the line items in the GSB approved budget shall be considered unspent GSB funds unless line items are transferred according to Government Law.

Categorization of Student Organization

The Student Organization Review Board (SORB) shall determine which category a student organization should be placed in during a meeting of the SORB. These categorizations shall be subject to review and/or modification by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the Finance Committee.

Determination Date

During consideration in the Regular or Special Allocations process, the GSB shall evaluate an organization based upon the organization's status as of the date of filing the budget request for a particular allocations process. Upon filing a budget request, no changes in status shall be considered during the allocations process.

Duplication of Services

Unless the request is for an event or a conference, a duplication of service will not be funded. In the event that it is either an event or conference, the transportation costs will be split between the organizations based upon the number of individuals attending the event or conference.

Expense breakdown

All criteria-expenses must be categorized on the standard budget form.

Financial Records

The Finance Committee and the Finance Director reserve the right to request a copy of all financial records, legal documents, and publicity materials of an organization that has received or is requesting funds. These requests must be fulfilled within five (5) class days or penalties will be incurred.

Filing of Budget Requests

Organizations must submit the completed budget request to the GSB office by the stated due date without incurring a late fee. This late fee will be assessed at a rate of ten (10) dollars per day. Budget requests will be accepted, with the appropriate late fee, until a date determined by the Finance Director.

GSB Funded Offices

GSB Funded Offices are professional offices partially or entirely supported through GSB funds. Organizations must be listed in the appropriate section of the Bylaws as a GSB Funded Office in order to be considered a GSB Funded Office. Membership numbers for the purpose of criteria expenditures do not apply to GSB Funded Offices and any reasonable request shall be considered.

Membership

Herein the term 'members' shall be defined as students who are currently enrolled at Iowa State University, and who pay the current student activity fee.

Membership (continued)

At the discretion of either the Finance Director and/or the Finance Committee, the size of the group will be determined either through an accounting of dues collected and/or a request to review the number of members in the organizations list-serv. If the size of an organization cannot be confirmed, then the organization shall be considered to have a maximum of 20 members.

Printed and Electronic Materials

All printed and electronic materials must include “Funded through GSB” or an acceptable equivalent phrase in a suitable size. The GSB reserves the right to request a copy of all printed or electronic materials from the organization.

Regular Allocations Process

The Regular Allocations process shall allocate monies to student groups for expenses incurred from July 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year. Requests are made in the spring semester prior to disbursement.

Special Allocations Process

The Special Allocations process shall allocate monies to student groups for expenses incurred only from January 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year. Requests are made in the fall semester prior to disbursement.

Student Organization Definition

For the purpose of this document, the term ‘student organization’ shall be defined as any organization registered with the SAC, not defined as it is under the Student Organization Recognition Policy.

Exception Process

No part of the “General Rules” section of this document shall be waived before, during, or after the funding process. However, all other sections of this document may be waived by an affirmative two-thirds vote by either the Finance Committee or the Senate.

Revenue Line Item Rules

Dues

All student organizations must calculate and are strongly encouraged to assess at least ten (10) dollars per academic year in dues to each of its members.

Fundraising

All student organizations are strongly encouraged to fundraise, in addition to collecting dues.

Unspent GSB Funds

Any GSB funds allocated to student organizations that are unspent at the end of the Fiscal Year will revert to GSB. Groups that fail to spend eighty percent (80%) of their previous fiscal year’s GSB allocation will be ineligible for an increase in funding during the next fiscal year, unless this restriction is waived by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Finance Committee.

Non-Criteria Expenditures

The following shall be considered non-criteria expenditures:

- ? Association Dues
- ? Campus Building Rental
- ? Clerical Services (Non-Salary)
- ? Donations, gifts, and memorials
- ? Fundraising Expenses
- ? Insurance
- ? Job or Career Fairs
- ? Speakers and Films, which shall be administered through the Committee on Lectures
- ? ISU Center Services
- ? League Registration Fees
- ? Lodging
- ? Non-International or Non-Ethnic food
- ? Patches, pins, and trophies
- ? Photography
- ? Social Activities

The Finance Committee reserves the right to deem other items not listed above as non-criteria expenditures.

Criteria Expenditures

The following shall be considered criteria expenditures:

Advertising

Total Advertising allocation shall not exceed the organization's maximum criteria request for the Iowa State Daily.

Iowa State Daily

Requests for advertising will be considered at the current student organization rate according to the following:

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| 2 to 9 members | 8 column inches per semester |
| 10 to 34 members | 10 column inches per semester |
| 35 to 59 members | 14 column inches per semester |
| 60 to 99 members | 18 column inches per semester |
| More that 100 members | 22 column inches per semester |

Other

Advertising including internet sites which are accessible to a significant part of the student body, as well as radio advertising, or other media will be considered only if it is readily accessible and available to Iowa State University (ISU) students.

Books, Magazines, Videos, and Media

Only Books, Magazines, Videos, and Media that further the group's purpose shall be considered, but must not be already available on campus. Requests for Books, Magazines, Videos, and Media shall be accompanied by specific titles. Organizations are required to place GSB funded media in a public location, as directed and advised by the Finance Committee, such as the Library, MU Browsing Library, or reading rooms located throughout campus. Office space is not considered public.

The amount of media for a student organization will be based upon the number of members.

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| 0 to 34 members | \$50 |
| 35 or more members | \$100 |

Capital Expenses

Capital equipment will be defined as an item with a useful life expectancy of at least three (3) years. All capital equipment purchased with GSB funds is the property of GSB.

- ? The organization shall project the life expectancy of the capital expenditure.
- ? Capital expenses for organizations that have been registered with SAC for less than one (1) year will not be considered.
- ? All GSB purchased equipment must be equally accessible to all members or constituents.
- ? Evidence of abuse or mishandling of equipment will be grounds for denial of further requests.
- ? Organizations must submit three (3) written bids by the budget request due date, unless it is impossible to get three (3) bids.
- ? The bids must be for the same or comparable equipment from three (3) separate vendors.
- ? The GSB will not fund computer hardware unless there is a need for confidential records to be stored on it, or limited access to it, or a significant cost savings can be demonstrated.
- ? The GSB will fund computer software only in special cases.
- ? Disposal of GSB capital equipment requires the written approval of the GSB Finance Director.
- ? Shipping costs for capital items will be considered.

Clothing or Costumes

Only international or ethnic costumes will be considered that have more than a one (1) time use and are not fitted to a specific person.

- ? An itemized inventory list of clothing and/or costumes must be submitted with the budget, including the location of the clothing/costume and the GSB tag numbers.
- ? Clothing or costumes must be stored in a public location as directed and advised by the Finance Committee.
- ? Sports uniforms will not be considered.
- ? Organizations must submit three (3) written bids, if available, for each item.
- ? Clothing/costumes must not be available on campus.
- ? Funding for clothing/costumes that are not international/ethnic in nature will not be considered.
- ? If funding was granted the previous fiscal year, it will not be considered during the current allocation cycle.
- ? Shipping costs for clothing and costumes will be considered.

Communications

Ethernet

Monthly charges for ethernet service for twelve (12) months will be considered for organizations that have an on campus, non-residence hall room office with a telecommunications account. Network locker space will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Installation fees will not be funded.

Long Distance Telephone

Requests of up to \$25 per semester for long distance and fax charges will be considered for organizations with an ISU telecommunications account. Special requests for monthly charges will be considered. Phone cards will not be considered. A facsimile machine is available in the GSB office.

Additional Webspace

Request of funding for student organization additional webspace will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Organizations requesting funding shall demonstrate a need for additional webspace.

Conferences and Transportation

Requests for up to the full cost of registration and transportation to a specified number of conferences will be considered according to the following:

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| 2 to 9 members | One (1) conference | Two (2) people |
| 10 to 34 members | One (1) conference | Four (4) people |
| 35 or 89 members | Two (2) conferences | ¼ of dues paying members |
| 90 or more members | Three (3) conferences | ¼ of dues paying members |

- ? Conferences must be identified by sponsoring organization, date, place, and official detailed description of the conference to be considered; such as website, brochure, etc.
- ? Each organization may only request a maximum of \$1000 per conference, unless an exception is provided herein. This cap includes registration and transportation costs.
 - ? Organizations designated as non-categorical shall be presumed to have 35 dues paying members, unless an exception is made by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of calculating conference funding.
 - ? Organizations eligible for two (2) conferences at \$1000 may instead request one (1) conference no greater than \$2000.
 - ? Organizations eligible for three (3) conferences may request up to 3 conferences such that the total Conferences request is no greater than \$3000.
 - ? Requests for conference funding totaling greater than \$2000 (for organizations with 90 or more members) shall require an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Finance Committee.
 - ? Organizations requesting conference funds for four (4) or less individuals shall be eligible for a maximum of \$300 per individual per conference.
 - ? Organizations classified as competitive and recreational shall not be eligible to request conferences. Instead, organizations classified as competitive and recreational shall be eligible to request competitive trips, as designated below.
- ? Organizations must complete a Conference Evaluation Form within two (2) weeks of returning from the conference. Future funding will be dependent on content and completion of the form.
- ? Conference lodging and meals will not be considered.
- ? Conference expenses for organizations that have been registered with SAC for less than one (1) year will not be considered.
- ? Expenses for non-ISU students will not be considered.
- ? Leadership conferences will be considered only if there is sufficient evidence that the conference in question does not duplicate services provided on campus.
- ? Job fairs will not be considered.

Conference Transportation

Transportation to and from the conference site will be considered up to the current rates for the GSB or appropriate University vehicles. GSB vehicle rates will be approved by the Finance Committee and reported to the GSB Senate prior to the first Informational Session of the Regular Allocations process.

- ? Only mileage found using the current GSB method will be considered.
 - ? Mileage can be found using <<http://maps.google.com>>.
 - ? Only city-to-city mileage to the conference and back will be funded.
- ? Travel expenses at the conference will not be considered.
- ? The GSB will only provide transportation funds for those organization members receiving conference registration funds.
- ? Funding for transportation can only be used for GSB or University vehicles, or to subsidize other modes of commercial transportation.

Competitive Trips

Student organizations must be classified as **Competitive and Recreational** to be eligible for competitive trips. There will be no cap on the number of competitive trips that can be considered. Competitive and recreational organizations will be funded with the understanding that they will receive a reduced funding in compensation for the increased trips. The following guidelines will be applied:

- ? Reduced rate will be 75% of GSB or appropriate University vehicle rate.
- ? Requests up to the full amount of registration will be considered.
- ? Requests for lodging for competitive trips will not be considered.
- ? Requests for meals will not be considered.
- ? Funding for transportation can only be used for GSB or University vehicles, or to subsidize other modes of commercial transportation.
- ? Vehicles required for safe equipment transport will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the current University rate.

Non-Conference Transportation

Funding for non-conference transportation shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Funding will only be given for use of GSB or University vehicles, or to subsidize other modes of commercial transportation. Community service trips will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Trips for the purpose of recruitment, conversion, or persuasion of beliefs onto other parties shall not be considered. Trips for the purpose of transporting students to and from the Des Moines International Airport will not be considered during allocation cycles.

Copyright and Licensing Fees

Copyright and licensing fees will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

International or Ethnic Food

Requests for International or Ethnic food events will be considered only if open to the public and will be limited to one (1) event per organization per year.

- ? Requests will be limited to 100% of food costs. Attendance shall be limited to four (4) attendees per group student member. GSB funding shall not exceed \$5 per attendee.
- ? Preparation costs will not be considered.
- ? Funding will be limited to an amount such that the organization does not make a profit from the event.
- ? Organizations are required to submit an International or Ethnic Food financial report to the GSB Finance Committee within two (2) weeks of the event. Any profits made from the event will be deducted from the current year's allocation to International or Ethnic Food. Future funding shall be dependent on content and completion of this form.

Organizations requesting funding for international or ethnic food must complete and submit along with their budget request, a detailed description of the event. This description must include:

- ? A detailed description of the international or ethnic event.
- ? The approximate date and location of the event.
- ? A detailed breakdown of food and preparation costs, admission costs, a summary of the profits and expenses from any previous events.
- ? The expected attendance.

Lectures and Entertainment

- ? Funding and honorariums for speakers will be allocated solely through the Committee on Lectures.
- ? Other forms of entertainment may be considered, not to exceed \$1500.

Office Supplies

Requests for office supplies for organizations with an on-campus, non-residence hall room office shall be considered according to the following:

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| 2 to 9 members | \$20 per semester |
| 10 to 34 members | \$30 per semester |
| 35 to 99 members | \$40 per semester |
| More that 100 members | \$50 per semester |

Requests for office supplies for organizations that do not have an on-campus, non-residence hall room office shall be considered at one half (1/2) the above rates.

Stationery will not be considered. Organizations asking for supplies above the suggested amount must have an on campus address and a detailed explanation for the additional request.

Publications shall not be subject to office supply limitations.

Postage and Shipping

United States Mail

- ? Reasonable requests will be considered.
- ? Organizations should include a membership list and membership breakdown of off-campus members and members.
- ? Postage shall not be paid to fund recruiting materials for current Iowa State University students or prospective students.
- ? Postage shall only be funded for communication with an organization’s members and other organizations to plan an event.

Bulk Mail

Whenever the quantity of any single mailing qualifies for bulk mail rates, only the minimum bulk mail rates will be considered. A bulk mail permit is available through Postal and Parcel Services.

Freight

Reasonable requests that further the purpose of the organization will be considered. Failure to submit an itemized list of things shipped shall be grounds for denial of funding. Air rates will not be considered unless they are less than ground rates.

Electronic Mailing Lists

The purchase of email lists from the University shall be considered if the organization can demonstrate sufficient cause for the list.

Printing

Printing requests will be considered up to the current rates for the ISU Printing and Copying Services.

- ? Printing expenses for organizational phone books will not be considered.
- ? Typesetting costs will not be considered. Use of current computer labs is encouraged.
- ? Printings of greater than 8 ½” x 11”, 20 pound white paper, will only be considered on a case-by-case basis if the student organization can demonstrate an essential need.
- ? Groups may use their allotted printing quota for the purpose of color paper printing.
- ? Publications will not be subject to printing limitations.

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| 2 to 9 members | 325 black and white copies per semester |
| 10 to 34 members | 600 black and white copies per semester |
| 35 to 99 members | 1200 black and white copies per semester |
| More that 100 members | 2000 black and white copies per semester |

Professional Development

Organizations must be classified as a GSB Funded Office to be eligible for professional development requests. Professional development requests shall be limited to \$1500 per professional employee per year.

Publications

Publications will be subject to the following funding guidelines:

- ? The publication must be made available at five (5) or more locations on campus.
- ? Publications are allowed and encouraged to pursue funding from academic departments and from advertising.
- ? Publications that receive funding from academic departments or councils will not be considered Curriculum and Pre-Professional for Finance Committee purposes.

Rentals

Reasonable rental costs for services of equipment not available on campus will be considered.

- ? Regardless of availability or condition, off-campus rental of equipment will not be considered for equipment available on campus.
- ? Organizations should use campus resources accessible through the Instructional Technology Center, Recreational Services, and the Memorial Union.
- ? Organizations may request the cost of rental facilities on campus for the purpose of storing GSB purchased equipment or capital expenses.

Repairs

Requests for funds to repair GSB funded equipment shall be considered.

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and wages shall be considered only for GSB Funded Offices and limited other organizations on a case-by-case basis. Organizations not classified as a GSB Funded Office shall require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Finance Committee to receive salary or wage funding.

- ? Will only be funded through a specific contract approved by GSB and ISU Payroll.
- ? Student employees will be funded at the minimum wage.
- ? GSB funded organizations shall not enter into an employment contract without prior approval of the specific contract by the GSB Senate.
- ? Students involved in extra-curricular activities do so based on their interest in the group's mission, activities, and success. Therefore, students will not be paid for involvement in these organizations.

Sports Equipment

Only protective equipment and club equipment that is used by all team members that is either too expensive or impractical for individual purchase, and whose primary purpose is safety will be considered.

- ? Sports uniforms will not be considered.
- ? Perishable equipment that must be replaced regularly as it is used up or wears out will not be considered.
- ? Individual-use equipment shall not be considered.
- ? The Finance Committee reserves the right to determine in which class a particular piece of equipment belongs.