

Student Activity Fee Oversight Committee Proposal:

Governing Board Conferences

Proposal:

We propose that professional development conferences for the governing boards, Inter-Greek Council (IGC), Coordinators of Activities and Programming Events (CAPE), and Student Government Association (SGA) be an annual line allocation from the SAF Oversight Committee totaling \$32,000.

Justification:

IGC, SGA and CAPE are considered governing boards at SNHU. The category these groups fall in is due to the increased expectations, responsibilities, advising/oversight and specific purpose and service to the student body these three groups provide. They are assigned professional advisors within the Office of Student Involvement, attend regular meetings with those advisors, plan and participate in a governing board retreat over the summer and provide a service to the student body through governing the areas of Greek Life, Major Programming and Student Concerns & Initiatives.

We are proposing that the funding of professional conference attendance be an annual allocation for these three groups because we feel this training and development is paramount to their success and, subsequently, not attending these opportunities would have a detrimental effect on their ability to perform their areas of oversight for the campus community.

Attending these conferences and participating as members of these professional associations has allowed student members of these boards to present workshops regionally and nationally, serve as part of the planning committees and be honored with recognition via awards as both groups and individuals for their work in their respective areas.

Currently, SGA is the only organization which requests their conference funding from SAF as part of their annual operating budget. IGC and CAPE have to go through the SGA Budget and Finance request process. Over the past several years there has been an exponential increase in the demand for conference funding through Budget and Finance, and the committee has run out of funds in the fall semester, leaving many organizations without the opportunity to even request conference support. Given this climate and interest from clubs, and that SGA has requested their conference allocation through SAF, we thought it was best to consistently have these governing groups' conference funding be allocated via SAF.

This change would permit all three boards in this category to request conference funding the same way. It would allow for the governing boards to plan in advance in order to save money on early registration, early flights/travel, and early hotel prices therefore enabling more efficient use of the monies allocated. It would guarantee these groups get the necessary training and development in order for them to be successful boards and provide their service to the greater SNHU community. And, it would free up thousands of dollars in the Budget and Finance Conference Allocation for other clubs to attend conferences as well

Conference Details:

IGC

IGC takes 6-12 students, depending on location and pricing to the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) Conference held annually in February. They bring the newly elected IGC E-Board members along with representatives from each Greek organization through an application process. Graduating seniors are not permitted to apply in order to ensure information learned comes back to campus to be implemented the following year. During the conference daily debriefs are held, an action plan for the year is created and presentations are held afterwards sharing what was learned to the individual chapters.

Request: \$8,000 based on average spending of previous years.

CAPE

CAPE takes a total of 10-15 students to the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) Regional Conference in November and National Conference in February. The regional conference is open to the E-Board as well as general members through an application process. The national conference is open to any members by application process. Graduating seniors are not permitted to apply in order to ensure information learned comes back to campus to be implemented the following year. Numbers of attendees are determined by location and costs. During the conferences daily debriefs are held, acts are booked to bring back to campus, and a presentation is done to the general members upon their return. It is important to note that this request includes both regional and national conferences because the talent, performers, vendors that are shown at each are different and attending those gives the group the best chance to book those events for campus at the best price via Block Booking (slating your events to happen during a time when others in your area are also booking to save money for all).

Request: \$8,000 for Regional and \$8,000 for National based on average spending on previous years.

SGA

SGA takes a total of 6 students to a national leadership conference, typically LEAD365 or National Conference on Student Leadership (NCSL) in November. The executive board members attend this conference which is chosen in the summer by the President based on educational offerings, location and cost. During the conference daily debriefs are held and a presentation is done by the E-Board to the Senate upon their return sharing ideas to implement during the year.

Request: \$8,000 based on average spending of previous years. Note: if approved via this annual allocation, \$8,000 would be removed from the SGA annual operating budget request moving forward.

Summary:

We are requesting a total of **\$32,000** be created as an annual line item to fund attendance of the governing boards (IGC, SGA and CAPE) to attend their regional and national professional development conferences. We believe this will create consistency amongst the governing boards, guarantee opportunities for this important professional development is available to these boards, and make monies available through Budget and Finance for other clubs to request conferences.