

Student Fees Advisory Committee Report

Date: December 8, 2014

To: Dr. Renu Khator; Chancellor/President
Dr. Richard Walker; Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services

From: Mr. Nathan Alsbrooks, Chair, Student Fees Advisory Committee
Mr. Rex Mann, Vice-Chair, Student Fees Advisory Committee

Re: Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) Recommendations

The Student Fees Advisory Committee has observed presentations and reviewed appropriation requests from fee-funded units. Each request has been evaluated according to merit, and allocation decisions were based on strategic initiatives set forth by the Division of Student Affairs.

We assert the University of Houston students are the touchstone of value. All institutions, organizations, and facilities exist chiefly for their benefit. Therefore, we hold the ultimate measuring criteria for any institution or organization is how it advances, enlarges, or preserves the collegiate experience for the individual student. Funding has been allocated to promote student engagement, to foster tradition, and to ensure academic achievement. Retention and graduation rates continue to be a paramount priority, and we have acted to continue improving these two facets of our performance.

This committee does not recommend an increase in the Student Service Fee at this time. Furthermore, we recognize affordability and accessibility as cornerstones that facilitate our university's competitiveness. We recognize the significance, importance, and empirically verifiable success of Tier One initiatives, while concurrently emphasizing the need for continued fiscal discipline, responsibility, and accountability on the part of university leaders.

The committee was pleased with the preparedness and enthusiasm displayed by a majority of the fee-funded units. The continued desire to evolve and develop these organizations is indicative of the quality student leaders at work across our university. More relevant benchmarking data was evident this year, making it easier for this committee to assess the relative success and progress of our fee-funded units.

As did our predecessors, we would like to clarify the proper handling of excess funds not expended by student organizations. Any unused funds must be swept at the end of each fiscal year, placed into fund equity. We reaffirm it is unacceptable for fee-funded units to use previously allocated funds to cover unapproved expenditures, or to retain unspent money for future utilization.

This committee eagerly anticipates the continued impact that all fee-funded organizations will make through use of the Student Service Fee. If further information or clarification of our decisions is needed, please contact the committee by way of the Dean of Students Office.

cc: SFAC Members
All Student Service Fee funded units

Student Service Fee Rate Schedule FY 2015-2016

Fee Rate for Fall/Spring

Students enrolled in 6 hours or more: \$250 per student

Students enrolled in 5 hours or less: \$234 per student

Fee Rate for Summer

Students enrolled in 4 hours or more: \$207 per student

Students enrolled in 3 hours or less: \$202 per student

Projections and Expense Pools

Enrollment Base for FY 2014-2015	38,000
Projected Revenue at \$250	\$21,107,784
Salary Mandate & Adjustment Reserve	\$350,000
Post Season Football Support	\$100,000

***Calculation of the Fees for Student Services Cap**

For purposes of calculating the total level of FY 2016 fees for student services, the \$21.50 Health Center Fee and the \$45 Athletic Facility Fee will be calculated as part of the \$250 Student Service Fee. While the Health Center Fee and the Athletic Facility Fee will count towards the total, they will be considered dedicated fees. (As such, these fees are not included in the percentage-based allocation calculations.) Therefore, for FY 2016 the total level of fees for student services will be \$250.

Activities Funding Board (AFB)

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$159,890

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$159,890

SFAC approves your base budget request consistent with the student fee allocation percentage given in previous years. We commend the AFB leadership for proactively seeking to improve the structure and effectiveness of the organization. Although we have chosen to offer no official approval of your bylaw amendments at this time, we look favorably upon your innovation and will consider these amendments in the Spring.

AFB must continue to improve marketing efforts in order to ensure that a wider array of registered student organizations are aware of this funding source. AFB leadership has made strides in this regard, but continued improvement is required as more student organizations form to accommodate the wide array of freshmen living on campus.

Athletics

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$4,407,707

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$4,407,707**

FY 2016 Base dedicated to renovation and construction of athletic facilities: approx. \$3,375,000

SFAC approves your base budget request and enthusiastically embraces the critical role our Athletics Department fulfills in advancing our university. TDECU Stadium opened successfully and the Athletics Department continues to demonstrate a willingness to foster winning tradition.

As were our predecessors, we are encouraged by your department's focus on the academic success of your student athletes and congratulate you for continued scholastic excellence.

Our predecessors encouraged Athletics to become more involved in the preparation and execution of Homecoming and other momentous events. Although strides were taken this year, the department must continue to advance the marketing effort. Far too often, the burden of promotion has fallen to students and other organizations. We do not believe this should be the case. With the vast resources and monetary assets at Athletics' disposal, it is absolutely imperative the department is the unquestioned leader in marketing. Partnerships are vital, but they cannot diminish or delegate the marketing responsibility Athletics must assume.

There is grave concern regarding TDECU Stadium's construction budget and the Hofheinz Pavilion renovation effort. Students who consented to fee increases that helped facilitate these projects did so according to the terms set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding orchestrated by the Athletics Department. This committee recognizes the complex

interdepartmental relationships at play in assessing the situation, realizing Athletics bears little blame for the current state of affairs.

In this regard, SFAC requests for future years that the group on campus with ultimate responsibility for this budget (Administration and Finance) prepare and present a report to the Committee as part of the open hearing structure.

We applaud the department's continued effort to make historical progress towards a top tier conference. Go Coogs!

A. D. Bruce Religion Center

FY 2015 OT: \$7,771

FY 2015 Base: \$212,583

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$212,583

The committee is happy to know that efforts are being made to renovate and improve this important historical center. On an increasingly residential campus, this center is an important place for students to both reflect spiritually, and engage in faith based dialogue. SFAC approves your FY15 OT request of \$7,771 in order to fund the upgraded sound equipment.

Band Program/Spirit Squad

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$286,400

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$286,400

In future years, presenters are urged to comply with rules and stipulations set forth by this committee. While each rendition of SFAC is unique in what it prioritizes during presentations, there is a certain baseline preparedness that should always be demonstrated.

Students contribute to the continued financial well-being of the band and spirit squad programs through the Student Service Fee. In subsequent years, it would behoove presenters on behalf of these programs to approach this committee with more preparedness and gratitude. The behavior displayed before this committee was alarming, and reflects poor credit upon the University of Houston.

We do applaud your enthusiasm and dedication to this program. We hope you continue to strive for competitiveness with other bands across the state of Texas.

Blaffer Art Gallery

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$21,500

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$21,500

SFAC approves your FY16 base budget of \$21,500. The committee commends Blaffer for continued excellence in fine art. A wide spectrum of successes has enabled this continued excellence - including strong student involvement, indicative metrics, innovation, and ability to secure funding from off-campus locations.

The Blaffer Art Museum is advised that excess funding must be swept back into the general SSF fund balance at the conclusion of every fiscal year. The institution is certainly not immune to rules and regulations set forth by this committee, as well as overarching university policy.

Campus Recreation

FY 2015 OT: \$74,000

FY 2015 Base: \$474,154

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$474,154

FY 2016 Base in dedicated Recreational Facility Fees: approx. \$7,900,000

SFAC enthusiastically endorses your requests to implement wireless Internet throughout the facility. The presentation pertinent to these requests was of pristine quality and beyond reproach. Every request made by our predecessors was met and accounted for. There can be no doubt this facility is making tremendous strides. Management of this facility has been pristine, and the work there certainly reflects the highest credit on the University of Houston.

We recognize the fundamental role this facility plays on our campus, and we strongly encourage stronger collaboration between Campus Recreation and other wellness oriented programs. The end goal should be to house any and all wellness related programs within this center, and steps should be taken by university administration to make this logistically feasible.

Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI)

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$125,567

FY 2016 OT: \$74,200

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$125,567

SFAC denies your request to move your previous OT funding of \$74,200 to base funding. However, SFAC will grant this request as a OT FY16 amount of \$74,200. SFAC would like to see quantitative data regarding the number of students served before committing to a base augmentation. Thank you for your continued efforts to further inclusion and understanding on our campus.

Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life (CFSL)

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$289,156

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$34,786

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$323,942

SFAC approves your base augmentation request of \$34,786 for an Office Coordinator. We feel this position will help facilitate the growth and development of fraternities and sororities across the university. We strongly encourage the Greek community to prioritize community service and aid to newly arriving students. The massive influx of residents to our campus and the transitioning environment at the University of Houston will create new opportunities for Greek organizations to contribute. These instances of outreach and productive service will showcase the true capabilities of these organizations as they allow mass organizing of willing servants for the greater good of our fellow Cougars. We enthusiastically anticipate the Greek organizations will grow in size and impact in the years to come.

Center for Student Involvement (CSI)

FY 2015 OT: \$35,775

FY 2015 Base: \$763,720

FY 2016 OT: \$62,147

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$16,129

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$779,849

SFAC approves your base augmentation request for commons staff for FY 16. We also have approved one-time funding for the Clinton Global Initiative, the Student Organization Spring Leader conference and the RSO Weekend.

We have denied funding for the Cougar Connection program. We find this program undeserving of monetary support. The proposition that the student body should fund such a gathering is fundamentally flawed. Such a gathering has showcased little promise of improving collaboration and amounts to little more than a social, unbeneficial to the body as a whole. Funding for both RSO Leadership Training and RSO Advisor Training has been denied. Risk Management Videos will not be funded. The committee relied upon our diverse perspectives and reasoning when making these decisions. The merit and prospective impact of these programs was highly questioned.

Center for Student Media (CSM)

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$259,003

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$259,003

SFAC approves your base budget of \$259,003 for 2016. We urge the Center for Student Media to prioritize continued growth and outreach as the on-campus population grows. More users than ever before should utilize the various media outlets available on campus, and the outlets should strive to improve the quality of discourse pertaining to campus-related news and events.

Center for Students with DisABILITIES

FY 2015 OT: \$3,250

FY 2015 Base: \$425,564

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$425,564

SFAC approves your FY16 base budget request of \$425,564 and wholly endorses the fundamental role the center fulfills on our campus. We hope our university continues to welcome, accommodate, and inspire students who call upon the center's services.

The presentation was of exceptional quality and showcased goals and objectives in accordance with university policy. Furthermore, the presenters were enthusiastic and timely. Questions were answered in a polite, informative fashion. The overall work product displayed is highly commendable and worthy of acclaim.

Children's Learning Centers

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$113,329

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$113,329

SFAC enthusiastically approves your base budget requests. We praise the role and responsibility of the Children's Learning Centers – allowing students and faculty to strive for excellence without concern for the wellbeing of their children. These adolescents are cared for, scholastically enriched, and made to feel part of the University of Houston community. Feedback and commentary towards the Children's Learning Centers is overwhelmingly positive, and the program continues to reflect great credit on the University of Houston.

We also praise the quality of your presentation. You demonstrated great enthusiasm and answered questions in a precise, informative fashion. We greatly admired the photos and addendums within your presentation as they showed the tremendous work carried out at the centers.

Go Little Cougars!

Council of Ethnic Organizations (CEO)

FY 2015 OT: \$1,483

FY 2015 Base: \$152,225

FY 2016 OT: \$7,000

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$5,535

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$157,760

SFAC approves your base augmentation request of \$5,535 for a Social Media Chairperson and reclassification of the Chair of Membership Development to Director of Membership Development. For FY15, we approve your one-time request for Social Media Chairperson and reclassification of the Chair of Membership Development to Director of Membership

Development. We believe this growth and restructuring will facilitate better management and productivity within the Council of Ethnic Organizations. We have also approved your one-time request of \$7,000 for the Cultural Movie Series. Such an event will certainly boost pride and student engagement on our extremely diverse campus.

We have denied your requests for funding of cultural excursions and Cooglympics. Both of these requests were denied based on their lack of benefit to the overall student body. Active members of CEO participating in field trips will bring little enrichment to the student body weighed against the cost of such events. This committee also has extreme reservations surrounding student participation in Cooglympics. We would enthusiastically fund such a program if a wide diaspora of the student body had proven interest. Unfortunately, nearly identical programs have been colossal failures in previous years, and thus we choose to deny appropriations.

Coog Radio

FY 2015 OT: \$4,043

FY 2015 Base: \$0

FY 2016 OT: \$9,481

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$26,877

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$26,877

We have chosen to grant your FY15 requests pertaining to equipment purchases. These will help support simulcasts and other advances in radio broadcasting.

We encourage Coog Radio to continue diversifying programming. Advancement in talk radio, sports, current events, and politics may serve to increase student interest. We also encourage programming that highlights the diversity unique to our university. Student leaders from various organizations should be called upon for interviews, and more attention should be paid to on-campus affairs. We applaud the presentation quality displayed and strongly benefited from benchmarking data that was provided to verify the competitiveness and merit of our radio program in comparison to others at similar universities.

The Cougar

FY 2015 OT: \$4,290

FY 2015 Base \$49,833

FY 2016 OT: \$7,234

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$49,833

SFAC has approved your FY15 one-time requests for marketing and readership expenses, and a student-leader stipend. We have approved FY16 requests for the same subjects.

We have chosen to deny funding for the Cougar's street team for a variety of reasons. Firstly, the mass distribution of papers, essentially shoving them on students, has not been correlated with actual readership. Secondly, we are troubled by the lack of supervision from esteemed staff

members, making it unverifiable those tasked with distribution are actually completing this task. Lastly, the transition of the Cougar to a web based, electronic platform seems to be antithetical to a primitive marketing effort such as street team. SFAC was distressed to hear that no log is kept of the amount and type of errors made in the paper. It is impossible to manage and improve what is not measured. The committee requests that this change, and that a log is kept.

Cougars in Recovery

FY 2015 OT: \$63,364

FY 2015 Base \$0

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$63,364

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$63,364

SFAC approves your FY15 request of \$63,364 as well as your FY16 base augmentation request of \$63,364 to fund the salary for the position of Program Director. The committee applauds the efforts made by this organization to assist students who are struggling in recovery of addiction. SFAC would like to see your organization reach out to student organizations and find ways to build partnerships that bring more awareness to your organization. This effort should be ongoing in order to identify and assist more students in need of your services. Building pipelines within other organizations will allow student leaders and faculty to funnel students to your organization when your assistance is needed. These partnerships will be critical to continued growth and utilization of this program.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$1,544,647

2016 OT: \$71,302

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$71,302

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$1,615,949

SFAC approves your base augmentation requests for two new counselors. One of these personnel will work exclusively on the University of Houston main campus, and the other will work exclusively on the main campus with the exception of four hours spent in Sugarland.

Our student to counselor ratio continues to lag behind competitors. This is extremely discouraging when considering the changing composition of the University of Houston campus. In subsequent years, it is imperative our university and CAPS do whatever is necessary to enlarge this program.

Despite these concerns, CAPS presented a compelling and deliberative petition before SFAC and we commend your enthusiasm. Our counselors continue to demonstrate great prowess in the field and truly care about our students. They also accurately communicate the need and importance of mental health awareness across our campus.

Dean of Students Office

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base \$1,089,462

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$1,089,462

SFAC approves your base requests and endorses your efforts on campus. We hope to see the office carefully articulate the role it plays to our changing student body – differentiating itself from the oft held perception it is only a disciplinary institution. Efforts to communicate how the office can serve the student body would no doubt yield rectifying of this reputation.

Frontier Fiesta

FY 2015 OT: \$281,430

FY 2015 Base: \$173,260

FY 2016 OT: \$59,360

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$173,260

SFAC has approved the array of your FY15 and FY16 requests as one-time appropriations and will further consider your concert requests at a later date. It is important to ascertain costs associated with holding events in the new stadium before making appropriations for this concert. We also withhold our judgment based on the fluctuating standing of the student body's Memorandum of Understanding. Certainly, expensive events orchestrated by Frontier Fiesta may be chief among those eligible to be held for free. We look favorably upon the prospect of your concerts, but must give pause as we await clarification of circumstances.

The committee reinforces the extraordinary strides taken by Frontier Fiesta in recent years, and we hope to see continued evolution and growth. It is extremely important that subsequent leadership evaluate costs associated with our new stadium, as those figures may change. It is also essential for leadership to maintain knowledge of our student body's relationship with third-party contractors that facilitate events and manage the stadium. Frontier Fiesta may find itself the benefactor of free events provided in the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding associated with the stadium's construction. Costs could fluctuate widely depending on these developments, and it is critical to maintain understanding of the terms and conditions surrounding the stadium's use.

As Frontier Fiesta continues to expand its size and scope, it is also imperative to highlight the need for fiscal accountability and responsibility on the part of organizers and orchestrators of the event. Careful care should be taken to be stewards of the Student Service Fee, and money should never be cavalierly wasted.

Health Center

FY 2016 Base in dedicated Health Center Fees: \$1,741,541.

SFAC has chosen to maintain the Health Center Fee at \$21.50. SFAC appreciates the role that the Health Center plays on this campus.

Students have at their disposal compassionate healthcare providers who genuinely care about their wellbeing. The Health Center presentation was enthusiastic and heartfelt, and the importance of health in all aspects of life was clearly articulated. The center also expertly aligned their goals and objectives with overarching university policy and initiatives.

Homecoming

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$70,879

FY 2016 OT: \$28,337

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$70,879

SFAC approves your base budget request for \$70,879. Continued efforts must be made to facilitate partnerships with both the UH Alumni Association and UH Athletics.

Presentation quality for Homecoming has improved, and this committee looked favorably upon your efforts to conduct the best Homecoming in our university's history in accordance with our new football stadium.

It is also essential for leadership to maintain knowledge of our student body's relationship with third-party contractors that facilitate events and manage the stadium. Homecoming may find itself the benefactor of free events provided in the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding associated with the stadium's construction. Costs could fluctuate widely depending on these developments, and it is critical to maintain understanding of the terms and conditions surrounding the stadium's use.

LGBT Center

FY 2015 OT: \$11,803

FY 2015 Base: \$13,027

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$20,030

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$33,057

SFAC approves your base augmentation as well as your one-time FY15 request for \$11,803. Both of these requests pertained to new student staff.

It should be noted this committee wholeheartedly endorses the critical role our LGBT Center undertakes on this campus. The current reality is that sexual identity still remains a major cause of concern for many collegiate attendees. Students leave the confines and security of home,

where discussion of sexual identity is often unwelcomed or unnerving. Common sense would be revolted were we to ignore the benefit this center offers LGBT students in alleviating grievances. Many students find themselves addressing issues of sexual identity for the first time.

The goal of any university should be to create an environment conducive to academic excellence, and providing a support system for LGBT students is exponentially beneficial in facilitating their success. In the transition to adulthood, many young students call upon the center for assistance. More so now than ever, once taboo topics of sexual identity are an active part of our discourse. We must continue to accommodate the needs of the many among us who have such needs.

Metropolitan Volunteer Program (MVP)

FY 2015 OT: \$18,629	FY 2015 Base: \$66,765	FY 2016 OT: \$13,780
	FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$4,369	
	FY 2016 Base Budget: \$71,134	

SFAC approves your FY15 OT requests in the amount of \$18,629. SFAC also approves your FY16 base augmentation request of \$4,369 for the marketing chair stipend extension. SFAC approves your FY16 OT requests of \$13,780 for marketing, the volunteer fair, and MVP service nights. SFAC approves your base budget request of \$66,765.

Not enough students know this program exists. Solutions to this problem are easily identifiable – partnerships and collaboration, increased independent marketing, but most importantly, utilization of university provided advertising outlets. E-mails and newsletters that are regularly sent out to students would be ripe grounds for MVP to seek new members and participants, but these in-house marketing tools have not been utilized sufficiently. We ask of the organization to give specific and detailed accounts next year regarding how marketing efforts have improved.

SFAC Operating

FY 2015 OT: \$0	FY 2015 Base: \$7,000	FY 2016 OT: \$0
	FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY 2016 Base Budget: \$7,000	

SFAC does not recommend any modifications to the current SFAC operating budget.

Speech and Debate (Formerly Debate and Advocacy)

FY 2015 OT: \$30,000 FY 2015 Base: \$39,992 FY 2016 OT: \$0
FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0
FY 2016 Base Budget: \$39,992

SFAC approves your FY15 OT requests in the amount of \$30,000, as well as your FY16 base request of \$39,992. SFAC strongly suggests that Speech and Debate engage in a significant increase in your fundraising efforts. These advances in fundraising will need to be detailed and precise during next year's presentation.

As is expected, the speech and debate programs gave extraordinary presentations that were well articulated and impactful. You truly made us proud to invest further in your efforts, despite confusion surrounding the utilization of these expenditures. SFAC encourages your utilization of former students in the program, as this fosters growth, loyalty, and tradition. We were also thrilled to have these former students attest to how this experience improved their lives.

Student Affairs Information Technology (SAIT)

FY 2015 OT: \$0 FY 2015 Base: \$814,849 FY 2016 OT: \$0
FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0
FY 2016 Base Budget: \$814,849

SFAC approves your FY16 base budget of \$814,849

Student Government Association (SGA)

FY 2015 OT: \$0 FY 2015 Base: \$147,373 FY 2016 OT: \$12,160
FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0
FY 2016 Base Budget: \$147,373

SFAC has approves your FY16 Base budget of \$147,373. SFAC also approves your FY16 one time request for \$12,160. The committee appreciates the efforts made by your organization to foster school pride. We encourage SGA to continue to collaborate with athletics and other interested and involved groups to expand and maintain these efforts.

Student Program Board (SPB)

FY 2015 OT: \$24,582 FY 2015 Base: \$156,875 FY 2016 OT: \$250,356
FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$3,716
FY 2016 Base Budget: \$160,591

SFAC approves your FY15 OT requests in the amount of \$24,582. SFAC also approves your FY16 base augmentation request of \$3,716 for position stipends. SFAC approves your FY16 OT request in the amount of \$30,356, for UH Clue, UH Got Talent, and Springfest.

SFAC also approves a total of \$220,000 FY16 OT for the proposed Homecoming concert. We have carefully examined the various expenditures associated with such an event, and have determined your requested appropriation for artist payment is beyond reasonable. We believe that essentially doubling your prior artist fee of \$60,000 is more than sufficient to help improve the quality of your efforts. In so doing, we have appropriated \$120,000 for an artist fee as opposed to \$177,000, thus arriving at a slightly lower figure than what you requested.

Student Video Network (SVN)

FY 2015 OT: \$18,074 FY 2015 Base: \$78,378 FY 2016 OT: \$0
FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0
FY 2016 Base Budget: \$78,378

SFAC approves your base budget request of \$78,378. SFAC strongly encourages you to pursue business opportunities by improving your fee schedule for student organizations and campus departments to utilize SVN's services. We also strongly encourage you to diversify programming. Student engagement and utilization of the Student Video Network is abysmally low, and great strides will need to be made in order to justify future funding.

University Career Services

FY 2015 OT: \$26,228 FY 2015 Base: \$851,630 FY 2016 OT: \$0
FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$78,685
FY 2016 Base Budget: \$930,315

SFAC approves your FY16 base augmentation request of \$78,685 for a new Career Counselor who will provide services at UH and UH Sugarland as well as the .5 FTE Alumni Career Counselor. In addition, SFAC approves your FY15 one time request for a .5 FTE Alumni Career Counselor. We commend the efforts of Alumni Career Services and we look forward to seeing improved services and resources provided through this office.

University Center (UC)

FY 2015 OT: \$0 FY 2015 Base: \$1,070,916 FY 2016 OT: \$0
FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$-169,260
FY 2016 Base Budget: \$901,656

FY 2016 Base in dedicated University Center Fees: \$3,381,000
FY 2016 University Center Transformation Fees: \$9,369,147

SFAC approves your amended base budget request of \$901,656; reduced due to the reallocation of staff salaries to the VPSA account. We appreciate your continued efforts to provide an engaging student experience at the University of Houston, especially in the midst of the transformation project.

The committee is very supportive of your marketing efforts to increase student involvement. We are impressed by the current progress on the new UC and look forward to the impact that this facility will have on the student experience.

We were delighted to take advantage of a wonderful tour during our presentation, and we thank you for the hospitality. This building will be a shining star on our campus for years to come. It will quickly become the center for student life, and the newly completed portions will further solidify this project's standing as one of the finest on our campus.

Urban Experience

FY 2015 OT: \$0	FY 2015 Base: \$131,602	FY 2016 OT: \$24,284
	FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY 2016 Base Budget: \$131,602	

SFAC approves your FY16 base budget request of \$131,602 as well as \$24,284 in FY16 funding for a graduate assistant position. SFAC appreciates the impact this program has on the lives of its participants. However, the committee would like to see the efforts of this program quantified in order to measure specific outcomes and success. We would also like to see enhanced promotion and awareness of this program on campus in order to allow more students the opportunity to participate in this program. We look forward to the changes that will follow from the transition to new leadership and a new program coordinator.

Veterans' Services Office

FY 2015 OT: \$26,500	FY 2015 Base: \$168,546	FY 2016 OT: \$26,500
	FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY 2016 Base Budget: \$168,546	

SFAC approves your base budget and one time programming allocations and eagerly anticipates the new director for your office. The soon-to-be-formed advisory committee will also boost the office's capacity to serve our veteran students. We have petitioned within this report for a veteran's community arrangement and learning center, and we hope our university will continue striving to be a flagship institution in veteran's service.

We would request your office is more polite and aware of ongoing presentations upon arrival next year. Loud banter was disturbing to the committee and discourteous to the presenters before you.

Vice President for Student Affairs Office

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$1,054,624

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$169,260

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$1,223,884

The committee approves your requests and commends your efforts to increase student success. We would like to highlight two particular areas of importance this office may prioritize. Firstly, the creation of communal living arrangements and learning centers for specific groups such as veterans. On a diverse campus such as our own, fostering community and like mindedness can be extremely conducive to academic success. Secondly, we emphasize to this office, recognizing the influence it possesses, the need to solidify and improve our mental health programs on campus. Our student to counselor ratio continues to be cause for grave concern, and we hope it will be a priority to improve our performance in this area.

UH Wellness

FY 2015 OT: \$0

FY 2015 Base: \$287,858

FY 2016 OT: \$0

FY 2016 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY 2016 Base Budget: \$287,858

SFAC approves your FY16 base budget of \$287,858. The committee applauds your tracking of data regarding students, and encourages you to continue this practice. SFAC was pleased to see the progress this unit has made, and proud to see it well documented. We encourage you to continue seeking collaborative efforts with other health and wellness related facilities and organizations. The creation of a network between the various entities would help to foster greater student involvement.

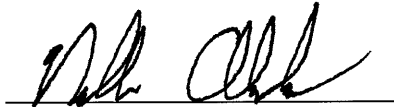
Student Fees Advisory Committee

Recommendations Approval

December 8, 2014

By signing below, the members of the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) approve the attached recommendations concerning FY 2015 one-time allocations, FY 2016 base budgets, FY 2016 one-time allocations, as well as other related policy and/or budgetary issues cited in the SFAC Report.

Student Members:



Nathan Alsbrooks, Chair
Student Government Association
Representative



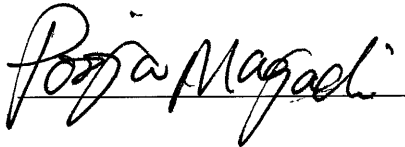
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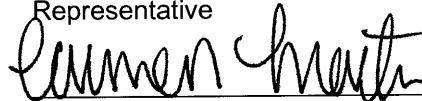
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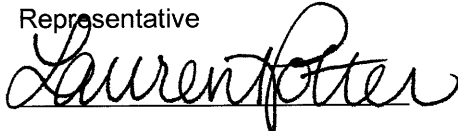
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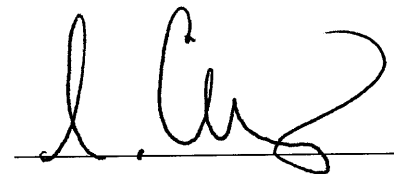


Lauren Potter
Student Government Association
Representative

Faculty Representatives:



Simon Bott, Ph.D.
Faculty Senate Representative



Lisa Cruces
Faculty Senate Representative

Unit: 38,000 enrollment/\$250 SSF Less \$21.50 HC + \$45 Ath.	15 O-T Req.	15 O-T Total	15 O-T Rec.	15 Ap. Base	16 B. Ag. Req.	16 B. Ag. Rec.	16 Base Rec.	16 O-T Req.	16 O-T Total	16 O-T Rec.
AFB (1% of \$183.5)				\$159,890			\$159,890			
Athletics (\$4,407,707 or 35%)				\$4,407,707			\$4,407,707			
Athletic Facilities (\$45 of \$250)				\$3,375,000			\$3,375,000			
A.D. Bruce Religion Center				\$212,583			\$212,583			
Chapel sound upgrade	\$7,771	\$7,771	\$7,771							
Band Program/Spirit Squad				\$286,400						
Instruments	\$84,000	\$0	\$0							
Travel					\$75,000	\$0	\$286,400			
Blaffer Gallery				\$21,500			\$21,500			
Campus Recreation				\$474,154			\$474,154			
Wifi Upgrade	\$74,000	\$74,000	\$74,000							
Ctr. for Diversity and Inclusion				\$125,567			\$125,567			
Programming					\$74,200	\$0		\$74,200	\$74,200	\$74,200
Center for F./S. Life				\$289,156						
Office Manager					\$34,786	\$34,786	\$323,942			
Center for Student Involvement				\$763,720						
Commons Staff	\$16,129	\$0			\$16,129	\$16,129	\$779,849			
S. Org. Spring Leader Conf.	\$10,229	\$10,229			\$10,229	\$0				
Cougar Connection	\$3,180	\$0			\$3,180	\$0				
RSO/Wknd. GA	\$8,586	\$8,586			\$17,172			\$17,172		
Clinton Global Init.	\$16,960	\$16,960			\$16,960	\$0				
RSO Leadership Training	\$4,770	\$0			\$4,770	\$0				
RSO Advisor Training	\$2,120	\$0			\$4,240	\$0				
Risk Mgmt. Videos	\$3,180	\$0	\$35,775							
Night/Wknd. Progs.					\$15,900			\$15,900		
MLK/WOW Day of Service					\$10,600			\$10,600		
Get Involved Marketing					\$3,710	\$0				
Community Action Break					\$7,875			\$7,875		
Leader/Engagement L. Comm.					\$9,010	\$0				
Ignite Level 2					\$10,600			\$10,600	\$62,147	\$62,147
Center for Student Media				\$259,003			\$259,003			
CSD				\$425,564			\$425,564			
Travel & Promotions	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250							
Children's Learning Centers				\$113,329			\$113,329			
CEO				\$152,225						
Cooglympics	\$8,000	\$0								
Marketing	\$9,040	\$0								
T-shirts	\$1,000	\$0								
Social Media Chair	\$1,013	\$1,013			\$3,814					
Member Director Reclass	\$470	\$470	\$1,483		\$1,721	\$5,535	\$157,760			
Cultural Excursions								\$9,286	\$0	
Cultural Movies								\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Coog Radio				\$0						
Live Remote Equipment	\$4,043	\$4,043	\$4,043							
Staffing					\$19,891	\$19,891				
Marketing					\$8,945			\$8,945		
M&O					\$5,465	\$5,465				
Admin. Chg.					\$2,424	\$1,521	\$26,877	\$536	\$9,481	\$9,481
The Cougar				\$49,833			\$49,833			
Marketing Stipend	\$2,939				\$3,180	\$0		\$3,180		
Community Manager	\$1,351	\$4,290	\$4,290		\$4,054	\$0		\$4,054	\$7,234	\$7,234
Distribution & Street Team					\$19,402	\$0				
Cougars in Recovery				\$0						
Director Salary	\$63,364	\$63,364	\$63,364		\$63,364	\$63,364	\$63,364			
Counseling & Psych. Svcs.				\$1,544,647						
UH Clinician/Benes.					\$71,302	\$71,302				
Sugarland Clinician/Benes.					\$71,302	\$0	\$1,615,949		\$71,302	\$71,302
Dean of Students Office				\$1,089,462			\$1,089,462			
Frontier Fiesta				\$173,260			\$173,260			
Operational Increases	\$132,500									
Stadium & Production Cost	\$96,990									
Long Term Marketing	\$37,100									
Family FunDay	\$14,840	\$281,430	\$281,430		\$14,840	\$0		\$14,840		
Main Stage Programming					\$183,380	\$0				
Midway Productions					\$37,100	\$0		\$37,100		
Sum/Fall Marketing					\$7,420	\$0		\$7,420	\$59,360	
Health Center (\$21.50 of \$ 195)				\$1,741,541			\$1,741,541			
Homecoming				\$70,879			\$70,879			
Special Events					\$2,314	\$0		\$2,314		
Productions					\$2,809	\$0		\$2,809		
Promotional Items					\$5,300	\$0		\$5,300		
Advertising					\$7,314	\$0		\$7,314		
Food Services					\$10,600	\$0		\$10,600	\$28,337	\$28,337
LGBT Center				\$13,027						
Student Salaries	\$11,803	\$11,803	\$11,803		\$20,030	\$20,030	\$33,057			
Metropolitan Vol. Prog.				\$66,765						
2 mos. Marketing Chair	\$989	\$989			\$989					
Service Events Chair	\$1,690	\$1,690			\$3,380	\$4,369	\$71,134			
Marketing	\$5,300	\$5,300			\$5,300			\$5,300		
Volunteer Fair	\$5,300	\$5,300			\$5,300			\$5,300		
MVP Service Nights	\$3,180	\$3,180			\$3,180			\$3,180	\$13,780	\$13,780
Equip./Marketing Items	\$4,558	\$2,200	\$18,629							
SFAC Operating				\$7,000			\$7,000			
Speech and Debate				\$39,992			\$39,992			
Supplies	\$800							\$800	\$0	
Equipment	\$1,500							\$1,500	\$0	
Debate Travel	\$15,000							\$60,000	\$0	
Speech Travel	\$5,000							\$20,000	\$0	
Student Workers	\$2,500							\$2,500	\$0	
Admin. Chg.	\$5,200	\$30,000	\$30,000					\$5,200	\$0	

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Speech Coach				\$814,849			\$814,849	\$35,000	\$0	
Student Affairs IT				\$147,373			\$147,373			
Student Government Association								\$77,641	\$0	
Athletics Engagement Board	\$32,860	\$32,860	\$0					\$12,160	\$12,160	\$12,160
Travel/Supplies				\$156,875	\$12,160	\$0				
Student Program Board										
Marketing Items	\$4,268									
UH Carnival	\$8,511									
Harry Potter Festival	\$8,087									
2 mos. 7 chair stipends	\$3,716	\$24,582	\$24,582		\$3,716	\$3,716	\$160,591			
Homecoming Concert					\$281,930	\$0		\$220,000		
UH Clue					\$8,247	\$0		\$8,247		
UH Got Talent					\$5,968	\$0		\$5,968		
Springfest					\$16,141	\$0		\$16,141	\$250,356	\$250,356
Fiesta Concert					\$60,000	\$0				
Student Video Network				\$78,378			\$78,378			
Lighting Equipment	\$18,074	\$18,074	\$18,074							
Equipment					\$40,106	\$0				
Productions					\$19,080	\$0				
Univ. Career Services				\$851,630						
Alumni C. Counselor (.5FTE)	\$26,228	\$26,228	\$26,228		\$26,228					
UH Sugarland C. Counselor					\$62,457	\$78,685	\$930,315			
University Center				\$901,656			\$901,656			
Urban Experience				\$131,602			\$131,602			
GA & Benes.	\$24,284	\$24,284	\$0		\$24,284	\$0		\$24,284	\$24,284	\$24,284
Veterans Services Office				\$168,546			\$168,546			
Programming	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500		\$26,500	\$0			\$26,500	\$26,500
Vice President for Student Affairs				\$1,223,884			\$1,223,884			
UH Wellness				\$287,858			\$287,858			
TOTALS	\$822,173	\$688,396	\$631,222	\$20,624,855	\$1,475,298	\$324,793	\$20,949,648	\$700,906	\$646,141	\$646,141
FY 16 Projected							\$21,107,784			
FY 16 Balance							\$158,136			
FY 14/15 SSF Fund Balance							\$3,713,535			
FY 15 O-T Recs.							\$631,222			
FY 16 O-T Recs.							\$646,141			
SSF Balance							\$2,436,172			
FY 16 Balance							\$158,136			
SSF Balance							\$2,436,172			
FY15/16 Sal./Adj. Pool							\$350,000			
FY16 Post Season Football							\$100,000			
FY 16 Reserve							\$2,144,308			
Dedicated Fees For FY16							\$3,381,000			
University Center, UC (\$35)							\$9,369,147			
UC Transformation (\$100)							\$7,900,000			
Recreation and Wellness (\$92)										