Please choose your club Bengali Student Association

What position do you hold within your club President

Please note: any appeals made by clubs may ONLY be based on procedural error, inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy or math pertaining to the relevant club, or violation of law. A club may only appeal its own budget, not that of any other club.

Please select the basis for your club’s appeal (you may select multiple options): inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy

Procedural error

Inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy

What policy are you referring to? Club Budget Policy

What is the specific inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy that you are alleging? (Please state in as much detail as possible.) Per the 24-25 BSA Budget Determination Letter, BSA has been assigned a max of Tier 2. However, per the SA Club Budget Policy, an SA-recognized club with at least six events and over 25 active members can be a Tier 4 club. The Club Budget Determination Letter acknowledges that we had 6 events, but assigns a max of Tier 2. Therefore, BSA's Tier should be increased to Tier 4 (or at least Tier 3) and our budget should be increased to reflect the significant expenses and revenue of the club.

Please attach all relevant evidence. Policy_upload1Screenshot 2024-05-22 173212.png Policy_upload2Screenshot 2024-05-22 173247.png

Inaccurate math

Violation of the law

Outcome and other info:

What outcome are you requesting in this appeal? I'm requesting an increased budget and a higher tier. Per the BSA 2024-25 academic budget determination letter, BSA was determined to be a maximum of Tier 2 club, which means the club had 4 events and at least 20 active members. However, we had 6 events according to UB Linked and the academic budget determination letter. We also have over 25 active members. According to the UB Linked and the BSA constitution, we had 44 eligible voting members, meaning at least 44 of our 100+ members are considered "active" as they have attended at least 2 club meetings and club events. This information puts BSA in-line with a maximum of a Tier 4 club, which has the requirements of: "1. being a recognized SA Club; 2. Have completed 6 Club Meetings and/or Events for the academic year.; 3. Have at least 25 active members."

I'm requesting an increased budget and an increase to Tier 4 (or at least Tier 3). Our PO history shows the significant expense the club for our events (mainly in the form of food). Such a small budget will not be enough to host significant events that include dances, food, and festivities which also bring in significant revenue for the club. Per our club activities and SA policy outlines, BSA is eligible for up to Tier 4 funding, but has been assigned Tier 2.
Is there anything else that you want SA to know regarding your appeal? I'm willing to discuss or have email correspondence with someone to clarify and provide any supporting evidence. Please contact me with any questions/concerns/issues and I'd be glad to work with you!
Club Name: Bengali Student Association

All University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. (“SA”) club budgets are determined in accordance to the SA Club Budget Policy which can be viewed at: https://www.sa.buffalo.edu/images/Policy_Library/Finance_Policies/240228_Club_Budget_Policy.pdf. Pursuant to SA Senate Resolution 2023-2024 - 23, the amount of “active members” shall not be considered when determining club budgets for the 2024-2025 academic year only. Consistent with the mandates of SA’s By-Laws, SA is strictly prohibited from considering (and has not considered) the viewpoint(s) held and/or expressed by any club, its officers, or its members when making club budget determinations.

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<td>Club’s Maximum Allowable Budget for 2024-2025 Year:</td>
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A club’s maximum allowable budget is based on the tier for which they are eligible, and may be further limited by points 1 and 2 under the Historical Data section of the SA Club Budget Policy.
Tier II
Clubs who are assigned to this tier have requested a budget and have been approved to have a budget of $251 - $2,499. Clubs in this tier must complete the following requirements:

1. Be a recognized SA club.
2. Have completed 4 Club Meetings and/or Events for the academic year.
3. Have at least 20 active members.

Tier III
Clubs who are assigned to this tier have requested a budget and have been approved to have a budget of $2,500 - $4,999. Clubs in this tier must complete the following requirements:

1. Be a recognized SA club.
2. Have completed 5 Club Meetings and/or Events for the academic year.
3. Have at least 20 active members.

Tier IV
Clubs who are assigned to this tier have requested a budget and have been approved to have a budget of $5,000 - $9,999. Clubs in this tier must complete the following requirements:

1. Be a recognized SA Club.
2. Have completed 6 Club Meetings and/or Events for the academic year.
3. Have at least 25 active members.