Please choose your club: Sri Lankan 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): procedural error, inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy, inaccurate math pertaining to the relevant club

Procedural error

What is the specific procedural error that you are alleging? (Please state in as much detail as possible.) We believe there may have been a procedural error in the budget review process. The criteria for budget allocation to clubs like ours should consider the scale and impact of our events, which seems to have been overlooked or undervalued.

Inaccurate application of the criteria set forth under applicable policy

What policy are you referring to? SUNY 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.) The SLSA has consistently organized major events that align with the criteria for higher budget allocations. Our Diwali event in the fall semester and the Sri Lankan New Year event in the spring semester each attracted approximately 150 attendees. Despite the informal setting of the SU field, the turnout was substantial and demonstrated our club’s impact. In addition to the large-scale events, we also had 3-4 small events and general body meetings consistently.
- Additionally, our participation in the International Fiesta, where we won 2nd place last year, underscores our active involvement and contribution to the university’s multicultural landscape.

Inaccurate math

What is the specific inaccurate math that you are alleging? (Please state in as much detail as possible.) There appears to be a discrepancy between our budget request and the allocation received. Based on our events, meetings, and having 40 active club members, we believe we qualify as a Tier-3 or Tier-4 club, where our request for a higher budget is appropriate. The significantly lower allocation of $250 does not align with the documented financial needs for our planned events and activities.

Violation of the law

Outcome and other info:

What outcome are you requesting in this appeal? We respectfully request a reconsideration of our budget allocation. Specifically, we ask that our budget be reviewed in light of the detailed documentation provided in our initial request, and that an allocation more closely aligned with our demonstrated needs and contributions be granted.
Is there anything else that you want SA to know regarding your appeal? - The SLSA’s events not only celebrate Sri Lankan culture but also foster inclusivity and cross-cultural understanding on campus. These events require substantial resources for planning, logistics, and execution. A more appropriate budget will enable us to continue offering these enriching experiences to the university community.
- Our club has maintained meticulous records of past events, budgets, and attendance, which we are happy to provide upon request to support our appeal.