



SUMMARY OF CLUB BUDGET POLICY CHANGES

The University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. (“SA”) Officers have proposed, and the SA Senate has adopted, several changes to the SA Club Budget Policy. The following is a non-exhaustive summary of those changes:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP CALCULATION: Among other factors, SA relies on a club’s number of “active members” to calculate such club’s budget. The previous definition of an active member itself relied upon each club’s constitution definition of a “voting member.” Here, as amended, there is now a unified definition of an active member of a club: A UB student that has attended at least three of that club’s meetings and/or events from the first day of the fall semester up to the third Monday in April of the academic year.

CLUB QUICK CLIMB-BACK CLAUSE: Among other factors, SA looks to the budget tier in which a club is currently in to calculate the budget for which such club is eligible for the following academic year. Under the previous policy, a club may only move up one tier at a time. Here, as amended, a club may move up to the higher of: (1) its current tier plus one (consistent with the previous policy), or (2) the tier the club held in the prior academic year, so long as the reason the club’s tier dropped for the current academic year was not due to violating policies, rules, or laws.

CLUBS WITHOUT HISTORICAL DATA: SA previously capped the total budget for clubs without historical budget data to \$1,500. Here, as amended, this cap is no longer applied (tier caps still apply).

BUDGETING FOR FOOD AT CLUB EVENTS: The following are the allowable food requests under the amended policy: Up to two events per academic year. (If a club requests more than two events, then the highest allowable food requests may be approved.) Clubs should consider their particular situation in determining whether to include more than the allowable two requests in their budget packet.