

ALTERNATIVE FUNDING METHODS



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An Exploration of Fellow Big Ten Universities

This report investigates how the fourteen Big Ten universities allocate funding to their recognized student organizations. It also describes the processes used by other student governments at Rutgers Universities to compare to the methods of the RUSA Allocations Board.

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INTRODUCTION

In an effort to investigate possible reforms to the RUSA Allocations Board and to maintain compliance with the RUSA Allocations Process Transparency Act (otherwise known as RAPTA), the Allocations Board set out to study the funding methods of the other Big Ten universities' student governments. The results of those investigations are contained within this report. There were two main factors that the Allocations Board looked for in other schools' funding methods: whether a "caps sheet" or similar document was available to the public, and how the funding body generally interacted with student organizations at each school. There seem to be two basic schools of thought across our Big Ten counterparts. Some schools choose to maintain a very formulaic approach and operate almost completely by caps sheet, while others work more closely with student organizations to help build their budget from the ground up. Generally, there also seems to be more subjectivity employed by other allocating bodies. The funding processes used by other student governments at Rutgers – New Brunswick were also examined. While the current RUSA Allocations Board approach is working this year and funding levels are consistent, this report has highlighted some possible areas of reform that could improve the services we provide to our organizations.

FINDINGS

This report's most immediate goal was to ascertain whether other universities made cap sheets publicly available to their student organizations. There are three Big Ten universities that publish a comprehensive list of caps for their student body organizations: Indiana University, the University of Maryland, and Pennsylvania State University. Although the exact specificity of caps varies among the three schools, they all provide some sort of limit for commonly requested items such as food, travel, speaker fees, and advertisement. Some universities, specifically Illinois and Wisconsin, provide a more limited list of caps. The University of Illinois, for example, provides a limit for money that can be allocated to honoraria and equipment, but no other categories. It is also worth noting that most schools publish an overall maximum that can be allocated to a group during a certain time period. In these cases, the funding body might publish that a group can receive up to \$5,000 in a year, but not specifically how that is broken down or how the funding itself is decided. Currently, the RUSA Allocations Board does not publish the specific caps, and there is no overall maximum that groups can receive. The Engineering Governing Council (Rutgers – New Brunswick) also uses a similar approach to caps, although they do have fewer organizations funded through their student government. EGC also uses a more formulaic approach to funding, as opposed to caps, meaning that funding more directly varies with variables like expected attendees for an event than the current model employed by the RUSA Allocations Board.

Another important item to note is how other student government associations interact with their student organizations. At the University of Minnesota and Michigan State University, student organizations are required to make presentations to the Board that justify the cost of their event in order to receive funding. Other schools also require student organizations to meet with a member of the Board to discuss budgeting and planning before receiving access to any allocated funds. Overall, there seems to be a higher degree of engagement with student organizations and more resources devoted to helping the development of their budgets. This arguably leads to greater subjectivity. The majority of funding bodies are able to suggest different options to their groups, cut costs by themselves, or reject funding altogether.

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Even at universities that do publish caps, it seems the Board has some latitude to cut funding even further below the caps if it deems appropriate. Based on the feedback of both the Allocations Board and Internal Affairs Committee, some of these changes could be useful to implement at Rutgers. It should be noted, however, that the current resources of the Board likely do not allow for personal interactions with all of the student organizations under its purview, and thus any adjustments will have to take a possible restructuring of the organization into mind.

The Allocations Board plans on utilizing these findings, in addition to feedback and possible aid from the Internal Affairs Committee – or its appropriate subcommittee(s) – the Executive Board, and the Assembly in order to look towards altering the current funding model under RUSA Allocations. This report largely signifies the beginning of that process, and no concrete models of funding have been adopted as of now.

University of Illinois

Enrollment: 47,826

Number of Student Organizations: ~1,600

Funding Organization: Multiple

Maximum Amount Fundable: Varies

Description of Funding Process

- They have two sources of funding:
- Sponsored Registered Student Organization (RSO) Fund:
 - Only clubs that are sponsored by academic departments are eligible
 - Preference for programs that benefit the larger student body
 - Funds are allocated in the spring for the succeeding academic year and anything left over is allocated in the fall (called “opportunity funding” – similar to the appeals system at Rutgers, except there are stricter rules regarding when an organization may appeal)
 - Organizations may apply for funding starting in November 2018 for events occurring July 1st, 2019 to June 30th, 2020, and all requests are reviewed on a rolling basis before being released in the spring
- Independent RSO Fund:
 - All other clubs (cultural, recreational, entertainment, etc.)
 - The process is the same as Sponsored RSO’s, just out of this different fund
 - Also have opportunity funding available during the fall semester after funding has been given out
 - Requests for honorariums cannot be greater than \$5000
 - Requests for equipment cannot be greater than \$500
 - There to not appear to be other caps included



Indiana University

Enrollment: 49,695

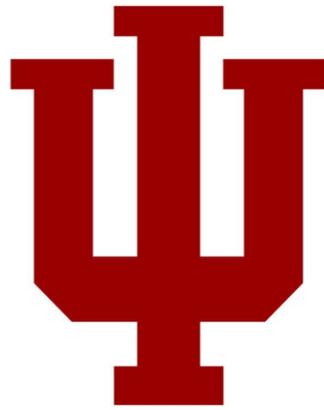
Number of Student Organizations: ~750

Funding Organization: Indiana University
Funding Board

Maximum Amount Fundable: ~\$400,000

Description of Funding Process

- Budgets are managed ad hoc throughout the semester, where the application is submitted and then the student group gives a 5-minute presentation to the board if they are requested more than 1000 dollars
- Three types of events: conference or trip, event, or late event
- Most important criteria for an event to be funded is the relation of the events purpose to the mission of the organization, also seek an educational component
- Three funding levels exist: 80%, 50%, and 35%. When orgs are filling out their funding request, we ask for a description about their organization and event, the budget for the event, and if it's on campus, open to the public, and free. For the questions, if the answer yes to all three, they're eligible for 80% of their total funding, yes to two 50%, yes to one or none 35%.
- Organizations can receive max of \$7,500 a semester across up to 4 events but can only have events reviewed twice per semester
- They fund up to \$100 per person for off campus events (are somewhat strict on this)
- Pay max \$150 for hotels, \$500 for flights, \$50 per day for living expenses for visiting artist or speakers
- Fund events equal amounts similarly, and don't consider size as much of a factor but rather the value
- Also, some basic rules, like no alcohol, paying student musicians/DJs, or t-shirts
- Generally, do not like to fund food expenses but exceptions exist

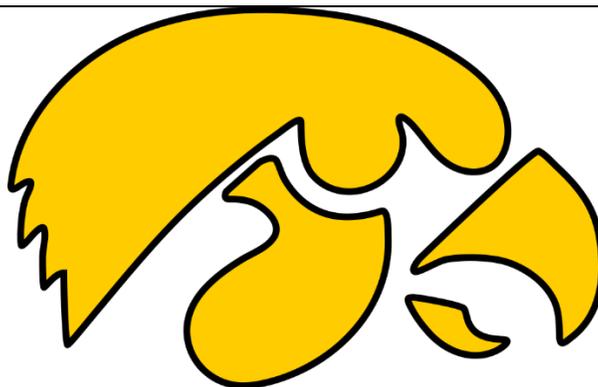


University of Iowa

Enrollment: 24,503	Number of Student Organizations: ~500
Funding Organization: Student Allocations, Budgeting, and Auditing Committee	Maximum Amount Fundable: Varies

Description of Funding Process

- Student organizations submit budgets on a rolling basis
- There are fourteen Review Periods throughout the academic year which all correspond with various time periods when the funding will be available
- The three different types of student organizations are: Sponsored Student Organizations, which can apply for up to \$50,000 annually and have no limit per application; Departmental/Affiliated and General Student Organizations, which can apply for up to \$15,000 annually and have a \$7,500 limit per application; and Campus Organizations, which are limited to \$9,000 annually and \$4,500 per application
- SABAC publishes their maximum funding standards publicly on their website, which lists twenty-five categories of fundable items, their corresponding maximum funding amount, and requirements in order to be fundable
- SABAC asks that student organizations do not apply for any amount larger than the caps
- The maximum funding standards are not a guarantee that any funding will be disbursed



University of Maryland

Enrollment: 40,521

Number of Student Organizations: ~900

Funding Organization: SGA Financial Affairs

Maximum Amount Fundable: Varies

Description of Funding Process

- Funding from the Student Activities Fee is distributed by the student government's Committee on Financial Affairs
- The allocation process occurs on a monthly basis
- The Finance Committee publishes a comprehensive list of discretionary guidelines and standards on what types of events are funded, the documentation necessary for reimbursement, and some guidelines on maximum and minimum costs
- Generally speaking, in order for a group to be reimbursed they must present: an invoice clearly authored by the service source, an unsigned contract detailing a service provided, an uncropped screenshot of the receipt detailing items purchased, and/or a URL that leads directly to the items purchased
- Funding requests of \$1,500.00 or less must occur at least thirty days after the relevant budget deadline
- Programs in excess of \$1,500.00 must occur at least sixty days after the relevant budget deadline
- The Committee actively searches for subjectively comparable products to those requested in a budget and will adjust the amount requested if more affordable options are discovered
- If an organization has not been funded for four or more previous semesters, than they are capped at a maximum of \$2,000 per program during the first allocations period they apply
- Lodging is not funded for any trips or conferences
- All items purchased by a student organization must have a material benefit to the general student body to be fundable
- Caps are provided for some items, including dues, transportation, and contractual services
- These caps are publicly available in the Manual on Financial Affairs & Discretionary Guidelines



University of Michigan

Enrollment: 46,000

Number of Student Organizations: 1,500

Funding Organization: Student Organization Funding Committee (SOFC)

Maximum Amount Fundable: \$800,000

Description of Funding Process

- SOFC is in charge of dictating how the funds budgeted to it by the Assembly each semester is spent. They do so through 9 application funding waves, wherein each wave consists of a set of applications for funding for their review
- Their SOFC is made up of 3-5 vice chairs and 10-45 voting members, where each voting member is a direct report to a vice chair, allowing them to tackle budget requests as a subset of the SOFC
- Require more members because the process is subjective: set funding criteria at the beginning of the semester
 - Criteria can include: financial need; quantity of students affected; the degree of effect on students; the effect on the Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, and general Michigan community; effort to receive funding from other sources; completeness of funding application; unique nature of the event; and prior use of SOFC funding allocations
 - Criteria does not include: membership composition or political or religious views of any organization
 - Consider funding from other sources and aim to fund what they feel the organization needs
- They do send out reward emails to student groups, but their funding operates on a reimbursement basis and requires well-defined proof of payment
- Organizations can appeal allocations, when this happens a subset of their board hears their appeal and votes on it



Michigan State University

Enrollment: 38,996

Number of Student Organizations: ~900

Funding Organization: Student Allocations Board

Maximum Amount Fundable: \$4,500

Description of Funding Process

- Funding is capped and reimbursement based
- Registered Student Orgs (RSOs) are eligible to receive up to \$4500 in funding through a reimbursement process once an academic year
 - Funding is on a project by project basis
 - Event/project must occur in the semester the organization is applying
 - The organization must be registered with Student Life, have an account in good standing, and is limited to one application per academic year
 - The majority of applications fall under this category
- Allocations broken up into:
 - RSO Event/Project Funding (**\$4,500 cap, minimum \$100 requested**)
 - Hosted Event: any event sponsored and hosted by the student organization
 - Conference/Tournament: any event where the student organization attends as representatives of the university
 - Enabling Project: any project that contributes to the success of the organization itself, such as building a shed for storing the student organization's equipment
- RSO Startup Funding also provides money for organizations started within four semesters of the application
- RSO Startup Funding is capped at \$300 per academic year
- Organizations are required to make a presentation to the Allocations Board as a part of their application
- The Michigan State student government provides a consulting service called Spartan Solutions that helps student organizations improve their pitches to the Board





University of Minnesota

Enrollment: 34,871

Number of Student Organizations: ~800

Funding Organization: Student Unions & Activities

Maximum Amount Fundable: \$5,000

Description of Funding Process

- Grants:
- Eligibility for funding is based on a matrix
 - Funding is either \$500, \$1,000, or \$1,500 depending on if it is on campus or off campus, or if it is a single group or if it is in collaboration with another one

Called “grants”, not really allocations or funding

Uses the tier-based system that Ohio State does where there is a deadline to submit a proposal and the pool in which your club is being evaluated is based on when your event is

- There are 9 date tiers

While it is a tier system, applications are reviewed on a rolling basis – the tier system is just there for absolute due dates for events based on their dates

Even though it is a tier system, it is still considered a “semesterly process”.

- Applications are reviewed on a first come – first serve basis for each semester.
- Even if your event is much later in the semester you are encouraged to apply as early as possible because funding could run out
- It is considered a semesterly process because the funding resets every semester – this is different Ohio State’s tier system which is an annual process

It is similar to Ohio State’s process in which there is no cap as to how many events a club can apply or receive funding for

- Instead, there is a cap as to the amount of funds that they can receive for the whole year, which is \$5,000

Auditing Process:

- Post – Event meeting where receipts are reviewed by Student Activities Staff
- Required for all organizations – similar Ohio State and different from us

Student Services Fee (SSF)

Their applications also break down a program by room rental, food, supplies, etc. They publish EVERY budget recommendation – each organization has its own spreadsheet where they publish the org’s request, their actual allocation for the semester, and the past allocations for the fall or spring

- They also do a semesterly process
- They also differentiate between operational and programming funds
- They make clubs do presentations in order to secure funding

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- They use the words “neutral view-point” twice but it sounds like it’s much more subjective than the present Rutgers process
 - They consider things like the “demand for the event” beyond the attendance (phone calls made) and whether or not the club has made efforts to secure other funding, both of which we do not consider
 - It sounds like their process is similar to the Rutgers special events process



Enrollment: 26,079	Number of Student Organizations: 500+
Funding Organization: Committee for Fee Allocation	Maximum Amount Fundable: \$1,157,545 (2017-2018) (comes from student fees)
<p>Description of Funding Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student fees are broken down into Fund A and Fund B; Fund A goes toward funding student orgs (\$24.97 per semester), though students can request a refund and relinquish rights to the services provided by this fund • ASUN (Association of Students of the University of Nebraska) recommends to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs all assessments and disbursements of Fund A monies, preparing its recommendations on the basis of annual budget requests submitted by eligible student organizations • The Vice Chancellor forwards ASUN's recommendations to the Chancellor along with any suggested modifications, and the Chancellor makes final decisions on Fund A allocations. • The deadline for Fund A users to submit "Budget Request Packages" for the upcoming year is late January of the previous spring semester • Fund A appeals are held only one day in the semester, which is also when the CFA ratifies the Fund A Appropriations Bill to present to the Senate • The Pepsi Student Events Fund provides assistance for major campus events. Programs must be sponsored by recognized student organizations in good standing. This fund also is available to UNL academic departments or colleges for special events in which large numbers of high school students will be on campus. • The Pepsi Diversity Program Fund provides assistance to minority student organizations and programming, activities and events with the goal of increasing positive engagement and interactions among a diverse audience. The Student Affairs Diversity Program Fund similarly provides assistance to diversity programming sponsored by recognized student organizations that takes place on campus. • The Student Affairs Diversity Conference Attendance Fund provides assistance for students traveling to regional and national conferences affiliated with recognized student organizations. • RSOs must be in good standing, have approval for events/trips from advisors, and have an account with the Student Organization Financial Services (SOFS) Office • Additional considerations: other sources of revenue, self-fundraising, evidence of collaboration/co-sponsorships, impact & reach of program, whether it increases awareness and understanding of diversity (<i>only for diversity programs</i>) 	

Northwestern University

Enrollment: 21,208

Number of Student Organizations: 400+
(130 funded by ASG)

Funding Organization: Associated Student Government (ASG) Allocations

Maximum Amount Fundable: \$1,550,000

Description of Funding Process

- A-status organizations (sort of like special events, e.g. Dance Marathon) are the highest funded groups on campus; B-status groups are small groups looking to access funding generally within a few hundred dollars as well as ASG support.
- A-Status student organizations receive funding through the SAFC (Student Activities Finance Committee) (\$1.5 million)
- B-Status student organizations receive funding through the SGC (Student Groups Committee) (\$50,000 for the 100 most well-known NU groups [except A status])
- All recognized groups are assigned a specific committee which determines the amount they are awarded
- InclusionNU Funding Board also assists NU registered student organizations in funding programs and initiatives that align with the mission of Campus Inclusion and Community
- The Student Activities Scholarship Fund exists for individual students (not whole clubs) in financial distress to request funds so they can take part in club activities
- Things they consider: attendance, food (only funded if it seems essential), parties (not funded), planning & execution capabilities, exclusive retreats (not funded), inclusivity to NU student body, costumes (not funded for non-performing arts), sustainability
- Arbitrary percentage increases or decreases are sometimes applied for previous years' allocations based on the committee's feelings about the above criteria
- ASG does not fund cameras but has a camera lending program
- Crowdfunding platforms such as Kickstarter, GoFundMe, and IndieGogo are strictly prohibited for fundraising for Northwestern registered student organizations.





Ohio State University

Enrollment: 45,381

Number of Student Organizations: ~1,400

Funding Organization: Council on Student Affairs Allocations

Maximum Amount Fundable: \$3,200

Description of Funding Process

- Unused funding does not roll over from year to year
- Operating Funds (equivalent to Organizational Maintenance funding at Rutgers):
 - Can only apply for up to \$200 in operational funds
 - Can only apply for operational funds once and the budget submitted should be for the entirety of the year
 - There is no specific date that the application is due – you can apply for operational funds anytime between 6/1 and 4/1 during the school year
 - First come – first serve basis until funding runs out

Programming Funds:

- Can only apply for up to \$2000 (new clubs) or \$3000 (established clubs) worth of funding
- Due dates for budget proposals are subject to a tier system based on the date of the event:
 - Events between 6/1 – 8/15: due 4/15
 - 8/16 – 10/15: due 7/1
 - 10/16 – 12/31: due 9/1
 - 1/1 – 3/15: due 11/15
 - 3/16 – 5/31: due 2/1
- It appears that Ohio allows funding of events that occur during university breaks (ex: during the summer or winter break)
- Does not appear to have a maximum number of events. Each application has a limit of \$1,500 and the overall limit applies to all events combined throughout the year

Auditing process:

- Organizations must submit audits of their purchases by 5/1
- The funding is through a reimbursement system but students can only get reimbursed after their audit receipts are submitted and approved
 - They do not receive the programming funds until after the audit and receipts are submitted
- Operational funding is an advance and does not require the audit report be submitted first

Of the Student Activities Fee, 13% goes to the actual organizations

- Of that, 25% is set aside for operational funding and 75% for programming funding

Funding Considerations:

- Attendance considered
- Consider the organization's history and ability to hold the event
- Whether or not another club is doing a similar program during the year
- Program content is "unique"



Pennsylvania State University

Enrollment: 46,000

Number of Student Organizations: ~1,000

Funding Organization: University Park Allocations Committee

Maximum Amount Fundable: See below.

Description of Funding Process

- System has caps - not all are disclosed in the handbook. On an academic year basis.
 - Stated that some caps can be adjusted if proper documentation is presented (travel registration expenses cap)
 - Some of the caps are presented as a percentage of total cost (ex. 75% of total transportation costs)
 - Deadlines
 - 40 academic day prior to experience deadline for program and travel requests
 - 40 academic day prior to end of spring semester for all other requests

- General Requests:
 - Program
 - Requestors are responsible for a minimum of 10% of their total program cost
 - Honoraria Request Cap: \$20,000 per academic year (through up to 4 requests)
 - Costume Request Cap: \$1,500 per academic year
 - Do not fund food or food related expenses for programs
 - If tickets are sold, student prices must be lower than all others (including children)
 - Travel
 - Cap at \$5,000 for travel requests for each organization per academic year
 - Eligible for up to 3 travel experiences per academic year

Cap at \$500 for travel requests per independent requestor per academic year

Considers funding up to 75% of the total transportation costs

Lodging Expenses Cap: \$50 a night per student

Registration Expenses Cap: \$100 per person

Equipment

Organizations are eligible for up to \$5,000 per academic year

Print Media & Broadcast Media

Organizations are eligible for up to \$10,000 per academic year

Operational Expense

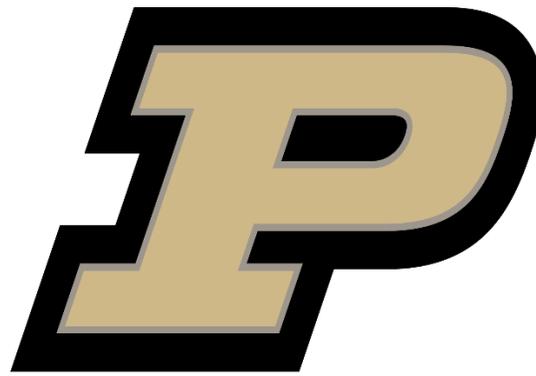
Organizations are eligible for up to \$50 per academic year

- Only submit 1 request per year

- Standing Allocation Requests
 - For orgs deemed to have a significant enough impact on campus life
 - Similar to our annual

Funding may not decline by more than 10% from the previous year for standing status orgs

Honoraria Request Cap: \$250,000



Purdue University

Enrollment: 41,573

Number of Student Organizations: ~1,000

Funding Organization: Student Organization Grant Allocation Board

Maximum Amount Fundable: \$14,999 per year

Description of Funding Process

- Financial need is a factor taken into account, and thus the budget of an organization may be taken into account during the funding decision process.
- The fiscal year is broken up into four quarters. Organizations apply for funding during the quarter that their event takes place in. For example, the budget deadline for events during October 1-November 20, 2018 will be on September 3, 2018. One event per funding period.
- An additional "Activity Form" must be submitted to Student Involvement two weeks prior to the event.
- Food is only funded in situations where the event's main focus is a celebration of culture/food.
- Costumes and uniforms are only funded if they are rentals, not permanent purchases.
- Utilize a 1-4 point scale for funding requests, where 1 is given the most priority for funding. A level 1 event is open to all members of campus with either a free or minimal charge. A level 2 event is most others that occur on campus but are not open to everyone, while level 3 is a travelling event. Level 4 items are equipment or supplies purchased by the organization.
- Does not fund t-shirts for advertising, office supplies, or payments to other students.
- The Board reviews event applications and can either fund an entire request, fund it partially, or deny the entire request. All funded groups must meet with a SOGA member and sign a grant agreement form.
- Expenditures of \$15,000 must be approved by the Student Fee Advisory Board instead of SOGA.



Rutgers University

Enrollment: 50,416	Number of Student Organizations: 500+
Funding Organization: Various	Maximum Amount Fundable: Varies

Description of Funding Process

- The student organizations of Rutgers University are under the jurisdiction of several different student governments, with all SAS-affiliated and general interest organizations falling under the jurisdiction of the RUSA Allocations Board.
- Professional school organizations would be funded by their appropriate student government if it exists. If not, the fees for that school, and the clubs which they fund, are redirected to the RUSA Allocations Board.
- The funding mechanisms for two of those governing councils are included herein, largely due to some similarities to how RUSA funds organizations. EGC is arguably more closely aligned with how RUSA funds organizations.
- **Rutgers Business Governing Association**
- Clubs which are fundable have to be business related, not funded by another student government, compliant with all Rutgers and SABO requirements, and generally fit within certain categories (ie, general professional development (e.g., PBL), specific to a major in the business school (e.g., RAMS), or special business population (e.g., WIB). Professional fraternities, though they work with RBGA, are not funded, even for publicly available events. Additionally, honor societies (e.g., BGS) and similar programs are not funded through RBGA
- Clubs submit budget requests to the Allocations Committee, which is an acting committee within the Assembly empowered to directly allocate funds in accordance with the guidelines and restrictions enacted by the body. The committee considers budget requests twice per year, as well as appeals, but they do not consider co-sponsorship requests
- Budgets are typically compared to budgets of previous years, and are checked to make sure that the events are fundable. There are certain items (e.g., alcohol) which are not fundable, even if they were to get proper approval from Rutgers. There are also some restrictions in terms of the extent to which an event is fundable. For example, some business orgs compete in competitions. Any competitions and conferences will only be fundable for up to (I believe) 6 students initially. They could appeal later, such as if more people place, or they can seek funding from outside sources
- Each line item is evaluated in order to determine if the cost is appropriate. For example, food might be limited, especially for smaller events. Moreover, clubs have to justify the expenses. If a club were to request \$100 for a meeting, and only justify the cost by saying that they need a projector, (and let's assume that the schedule of fees from DSCI is that projectors cost \$75 for student orgs) then the request would be knocked down. There are certain components which are formulaic. For example, if a club is holding an event and would like to have an honorarium, that amount would be capped based on the size and scope of the event
- As necessary, cuts can be made to ensure that the amounts budgeted to each organization do not exceed the amount which is made available for that semester.

Rutgers Engineering Governing Council

- All policies and formulas are made available to member organizations for use during the funding process
- In awarding funding, Allocations Guidelines are used to determine what is fundable and to what extent, a schedule of fees from Student Centers & Involvement is used to evaluate specific requests for funding, and the Allocations Standards correspond to what the RUSA Allocations Board refers to as the cap sheets.

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- Rather than having categories for the scale of events, most event funding is used on a formulaic basis, i.e., the number of expected attendees
- In evaluating the different budgetary requests, organizations are generally funded based on the lowest cost alternative, if one exists.
- Finance Committee is overseen directly by the elected EGC Treasurer, and each finance bill must be passed by the Council as a whole
- All treasurers of member organizations personally meet with the Allocations Committee and walk through their budget during an Open Finance event
- EGC and the Allocations Committee encourage organizations with similar purposes to merge in order to share costs and responsibilities, which means that some organizations are actually comprised of several smaller ones
- All organizations are subject to the auditing power of EGC, which can impose additional restrictions on how funding is used

University of Wisconsin

Enrollment: 31,710	Number of Student Organizations: ~900
Funding Organization: GAC/SSFC	Maximum Amount Fundable: \$11,000/event (GAC)

Description of Funding Process

- The Grant Allocations Committee offers four different types of grants to student organizations: Operations, Event, Travel, and Open Funds
- The General Student Services Fund allocates money of at least \$20,000 per year to groups that require sustained support, including those that pay student staff
- Event Grants are used to fund events occurring on campus. Food is not funded. Any groups awarded funds must attend a grant workshop, and any groups awarded over \$4,200 must also be approved by the Associated Students of Madison Student Council
- Event Grants must be submitted at least 42 days prior to the event, but the process is rolling
- Operations Grants may only be used for printing, office supplies, postage, web design, space rental, advertising, and membership dues
- Open Fund Grants are a maximum of \$200 used for printing and supplies
- Travel Grants are limited to \$500/person (which is made public) and are only available once per year
- Food does not appear to be funded regardless of what type of funding is pursued
- Grant Workshops take 30 minutes - 1 hour with a member of ASM
- GSSF is the broader funding body and can allocate up to \$110,000 per year to a group, but due to the types of organizations it funds, the GAC has more relevance to the RUSA Allocations Board

