

Restructuring Supplemental AS Program Funding

BACKGROUND: Due to the time-consuming constraints placed on Management Council (MC) for the disbursement of the \$15,000 account “Supplemental AS Program Funding,” MC has approved a new system to distribute the same amount of funds with the intent to ease the supplemental funding of programs. In the past, anytime AS Productions, AS Resource and Outreach Programs (ROP), or AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs (ESP) needed supplemental funding, they’d have to submit a request to MC and present it at the corresponding meeting. MC has traditionally met on Mondays. If an event planned for a Friday realized a budget shortfall on Tuesday, under the old system there would be no way to cover that budget shortfall by the weekend. The event would go underfunded, and programming quality would suffer due to largely unforeseen circumstances.

MC has determined this process to be extraordinarily inefficient, so it expedited this process by giving the directors full discretion over how their money is spent. Like in any real organization, directors should have control over their own budgetary appropriations. The Board of Directors has already approved MC to use these funds as necessary. At the end of the 2009-2010 academic year MC decided that these funds should be spent at the discretion of these three directors. Therefore, using these funds as stipulated in this document has already been authorized by the Board of Directors.

TIME-SAVING & PRODUCTIVITY: Management Council exists to provide support services, help develop policies for managing the AS organization, advise the Structure and Program Advisory Committee which administers the Triennial Assessment Program, and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding policies. By passing this resolution, the Board of Directors will allow MC to free up more time and therefore better serve these purposes. Furthermore, the leaders of the organization will have more time to spend doing other AS related activities. Time will be freed up for every AS employee serving on MC, including the (1) AS VP of Business & Operations, (2) AS Productions Director, (3) AS ROP Director, (4) KUGS Program Director, (5) AS ESP Associate Director, (6) AS Review Editor-in-Chief, (7) AS Business Director, (8) AS Personnel Director, (9) Ethnic Student Center Public Relations Support Staff, (10) Outdoor Center Equipment & Bike Shop Coordinator, (11) 4-Quarter Publicity Center Account Executive, (12) Recycle Center Staff Manager, (13) Secretary, Assistant to the VP of Business & Operations and Academics, *non-voting*, and (14) Director of Student Activities, *adviser*. This policy will save time for these 14 members, allowing them to devote more time to other services and programs, thus increasing the overall productivity of the operations of the Associated Students.

MOTION i: Ratify Management Council’s decision regarding supplemental program funding in accordance with Items 1-6.

1. Supplemental funding is to be used as a funding source of last resort.
2. Supplemental funding is to be used at the discretion of the AS Productions director, AS ROP director, and AS ESP associate director in order to supplement their programs.
3. For the request to be processed and the funds made available, all supplemental funding requests must be sent to the AS Business Director no less than seven (7) business days prior to using the funds.
4. Directors must design a process and form by which their employees may request supplemental funding. Whether the director approves or denies the request, immediately thereafter the director must e-mail the request to the AS VP of Business & Operations and/or the Assistant to the VP of Business & Operations and Academics so that it can be documented for the next MC meeting. The request, approved or denied, will then be documented and reviewed at the next MC meeting.
5. At the end of the 2010-2011 year, MC will review this new system to compare and contrast it to the previous system. A recommendation to the board may be made.

MOTION 2: Create the following new budgetary accounts with the given amounts in accordance with Items 1-3.

- a. AS Productions Supplemental Funding—\$5,000
- b. AS ROP Supplemental Funding—\$5,000
- c. AS ESP Supplemental Funding—\$2,000

1. These funds will be transferred out of the \$15,000 account “Supplemental AS Program Funding.” \$3,000 will remain in this account for MC to distribute itself.
2. At the start of each academic year the amounts in a, b, & c will be placed into the corresponding accounts. Only \$3,000 will be put into the original “Supplemental AS Program Funding” account.
3. This restructuring neither increases nor decreases total program funding. It simply moves money to new accounts corresponding to individual departments.

Both Motions 1 & 2 were approved by Management Council on 8/5/10 by unanimous decision.