



We need to talk about...

SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS ALLOCATIONS

2026 Fall Semester

WHAT IS A SPONSORED ORG?



\$460,750

\$536,000

we gave to Sponsored Orgs in total in academic year 25-26, (about 86% of our budget)

Sponsored Organizations are orgs on Lehigh's campus that the Student Senate recognizes and contributes financially to once a semester.

These orgs are different than Senate recognized clubs, as their allocation comes at the beginning of the semester, is based on years of allocations, and cannot request for more money.

R. SPONSORED STUDENT ORGANIZATION: a Student Senate recognized student organization considered to be critical to the mission and culture of Lehigh University. These organizations are inherently linked to the university and are considered to be an integral part of the institution. They typically have a close relationship with a university department or office, and their activities and events are considered to be more complex because of their scope of programming and perceived association with the university.

SPONSORED ORGS:

'97
ACS
ASA
B&W
BSU
Choral Arts
FIRST
Jazz
LSA
LUEMS
M&C
OC

Orchestra
SASA
SEAL
SHPE
Spectrum
UP
Wind
KKP
PSP

WHAT IS A RECOGNIZED CLUB?



\$36,740
\$536,000

we gave to Recognized
Clubs in total in academic
year 25-26, (about **6.9%** of
our budget)

A recognized club has gone through the Club Affairs paperwork, interviews, and been approved by the committee. There are over **200+** **Student Senate recognized clubs**! We funded 78 clubs this past academic year.

These clubs get their allocations per event rather than per semester. They request their funding online, and the Allocations Committee decides how much funding to provide per event.

Average club allocation was
\$470 in 25-26

SPONSORED

ORGS (21)

\$460,750

vs.

RECOGNIZED

CLUBS (78+)

\$36,740



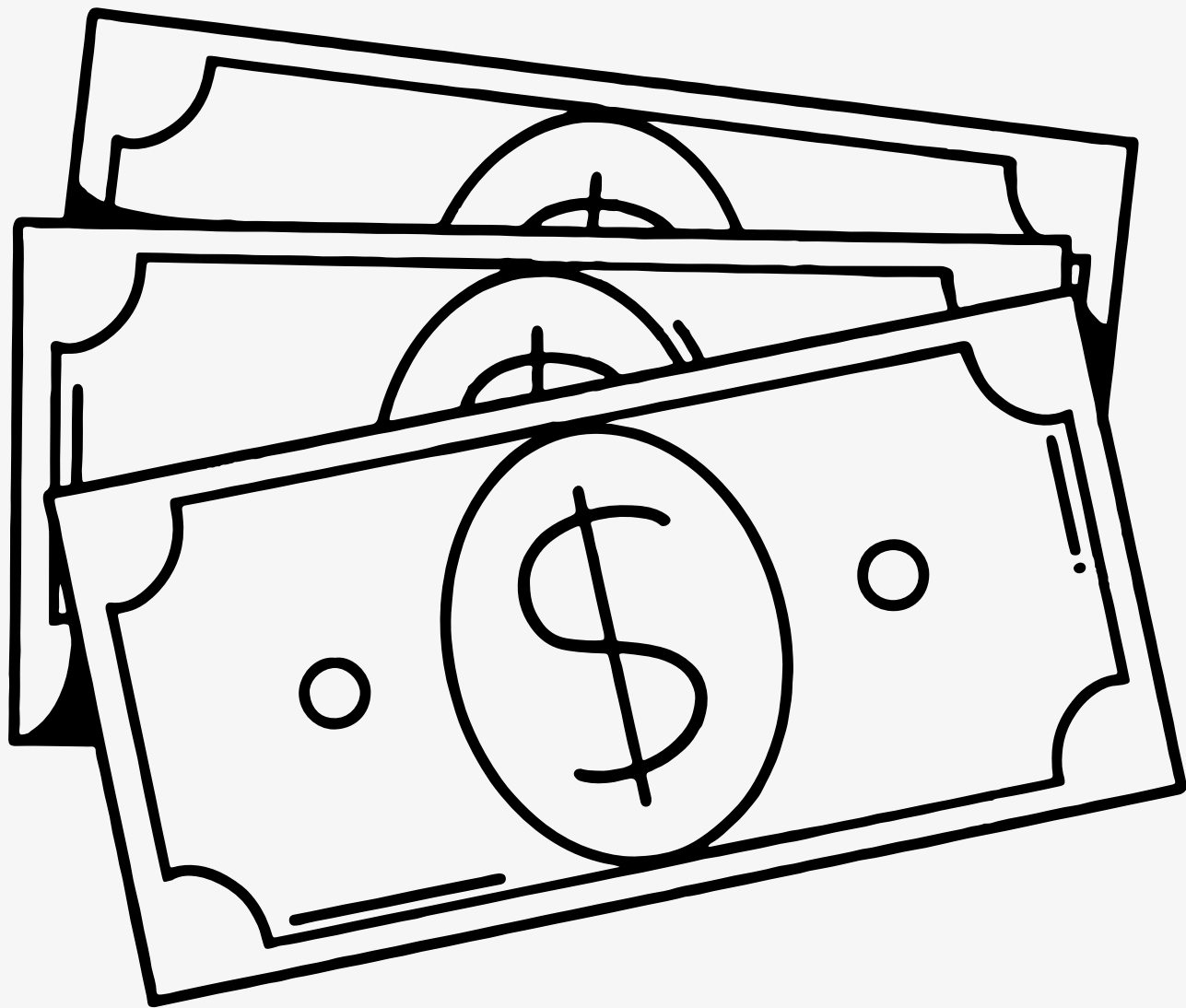
ONE NOTE...

- Our Bylaws state that Student Senate is not to cut an SO's budget by more than 10% from the previous year, and no more than 5% for orgs that recieved over \$10,000
- Cuts are “up to allocations’ discretion based on merited reasons”
- Some orgs may fight a higher cut due to this clause, but legally we are safe to cut as much as we see fit

ONE MORE NOTE...

- If I am discussing potential cuts to an org you are leading or are a part of, PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT PERSONALLY!
- Every cut is based purely on numbers
- Thoughtful and reasonable discourse is the job of a senator!

OKAY LET'S GET INTO IT...



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SOs WHO WE CANNOT VOTE ON TODAY

- **Choral Arts, received \$34,000 last year:** Still compiling their information
- **Wind, received \$7,750 last year:** unresponsive
- **Jazz, received \$9,000 last year:** unresponsive
- **SEAL, received \$3,000 last year:** unresponsive
- **SHPE, received \$3,000 last year:** unresponsive
- **ACS (Asian Cultural Society), \$9,500 last year:** Still compiling their information

(These orgs will not receive their funding until they provide reports or meet with me to explain why they may be unable to provide them)

NO CUTS:

- **ASA (African Student Association),
\$7,000**
 - Provided proper documentation
 - Current allocation is in line with
their attendance

BUMP:

- **Latin Student Alliance (LSA), from \$2,000 → \$2,500**
 - Currently low budget for their increasing attendance numbers
 - Provided organized reports for the whole year
- **Lehigh EMS, from \$31,000 → \$40,000**
 - Kept incredibly detailed reports and intense financial planning
 - Need more funds to train people
 - One of their cars is expected to be unusable soon
- **Outing Club, from \$20,000 → \$22,000**
 - Would be able to fund one free trip per week with this
 - One of the biggest orgs on campus
 - Kept all receipts and have shown great organization
- **South Asian Student Alliance (SASA), from \$15,000 → \$16,000**
 - High student attendance with large-scale (500+ people events)
 - Organized with their receipts and financial report

CUTS

- **Black Student Union (BSU), from \$9,500 → \$8,700**

- Spent **\$1,310.82 on merchandise** and were only able to make back enough money to get the **cost down to \$651**. This money will be cut, as the Senate does not cover merchandise, as stated in the Bylaws.
- Total of \$157.86 spent on gift cards; the Student Senate does not cover gift cards, as stated in the Bylaws

- **Spectrum, from \$6,000 → \$5,800**

- \$200+ spent on catering for the Drag Night, an expense not critical for the event; it was already costly (**over \$6,000, with cost being about \$10.51 per hour per person**)

- **Phi Sigma Pi, from \$3,000 → \$2,700**

- High cost of food that was not crucial to their event or aligned with their mission

- **FIRST, \$5,000 → \$3,750**

- Biggest event is an alumni dinner with an attendance of 22 students and costs around \$2,000
- With this cut, they can still afford that event and a few others, but at a more reasonable cost

CUTS

- **March of 97', \$35,000 to \$25,000**
 - They are going to meet with the Athletics dept for possible funding
 - Spend excessive amounts of money on food (trips to hibachi, around \$12k on a retreat, over \$3k on a welcome dinner)
 - High cost of food that does not reflect mission or purpose of organization
- **Brown and White, \$25,000 to \$16,7000**
 - All of the \$25k is spent on printing costs
 - B&W print 1200 issues per copy; not enough physical paper demand. This cut would support 800 copies per issue
- **Mustard and Cheese, \$12,000 to \$2,000**
 - Their mission is to support drama and the arts; they used to put on shows
 - Have not put on shows in years and instead go to Broadway shows
 - Cut Broadway trips and leave on-campus theatre opportunities
- **Kappa Kappa Psi, \$4,000 to \$2,000**
 - Majority of what was spent is on food that is not critical for their event, like buying pizza for almost every meeting
 - Ex: a “brotherhood retreat” which was just about \$330 spent at Olive Garden

UNIVERSITY PRODUCTIONS

- **25-26 YEAR ALLOCATION: \$193,000 to \$60,000**
- Ricky Montgomery cost **\$73,127.80 total for an attendance of 400 students; the** average cost **per student per hour was about \$94** (other sponsored orgs have an average of about \$5 per student per hour for events)
- Comedy show cost **\$38,141.34 for an attendance of 150 students,**
- For the Spring Carnival, they spent a total of **\$11,009.47 on food**, a total of **\$21,166.70** on the event
- For the Harvest Hoedown, almost **\$1,000** was spent on **CORN** and **\$2,800** on **pretzels and lemonade**
- **\$8,383.43** was spent on **merchandise** (stuffed animals, totes, phone wallets, shirts, director's jackets, etc.)
- **The cut would allow them to put on events like the Spring Carnival and Harvest Hoedown, but likely eliminate the Spring Concert and Comedy shows**
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**In 22-23, Recognized Clubs were given double what they
have now**

**Although campus life has expanded, their budgets have
been halved**

**Funding more clubs would give more communities the
resources they need to thrive at Lehigh**



**THANK YOU
AND PLEASE
DON'T YELL AT
ME IF I CUT
YOUR ORG** 