

Clubs' Fixed Allocation Reinstatement Amendment

Providing students with opportunities to foster their interests while developing their leadership skills is the foundation of student activities at any university. At the University of Notre Dame, clubs provide a unique and vital avenue for the expression of student interests and the opportunity for leadership experience by virtue of their status as voluntary associations eligible to request and manage funding. More funding enables clubs to plan more and better events that serve their club members, appeal to other students, and enrich the Notre Dame experience for all students. All aspects of managing funding are important in cultivating a sense of personal responsibility and ethical leadership habits that prepare students of Notre Dame to become a "force for good"* in the greater society.

The Undergraduate Student Union recognizes that these organizations ought to be safeguarded constitutionally to the furthest extent possible. Our budget is a reflection of our priorities, and we choose to honor the activities, interests, and leadership opportunities of the 7000 club members and 1000 club leaders of our university. We hereby extend our commitment to entrust "the evolving spirit of the university"*** to its students.

Section III: Method of Allocation

1. The pool of available funds shall be comprised of the total amount of student activity fees collected plus a portion of the proceeds from "The Shirt" project.
 - a. The portion made available for FMB allocation shall be calculated as half of all profits up to \$200,000 plus forty-percent of all profits earned in excess of \$200,000. The balance of "The Shirt" project profits, calculated as half of all profits up to \$200,000 plus sixty-percent of all profits earned in excess of \$200,000, shall be placed in a Charity Fund to be administered by the Financial Management Board. Peripheral sources of revenue shall not be included in the calculation of profit.
 - b. The initial number of "The Shirt" ordered shall be directed toward achieving an estimated total profit of no greater than \$200,000, to be divided evenly between the Student Union and the Charity Fund. Additional shirts may later be ordered with the approval of the Financial Management Board.
2. ~~(33%)~~ **36.75%** of the available funds shall be allocated to the line item "Clubs and Organizations" as the minimum amount designated for distribution by the Club Coordination Council. These funds shall be allocated by the Club Coordination Council with final review by the Financial Management Board and approval by the Council of Representatives.
3. ~~1.75% of the available funds shall be placed in a contingency fund to be allocated by the Executive Cabinet for the purpose of co-sponsorship; at least one club and one other Student Union organization must be involved.~~
4. The remaining ~~(65.25%)~~ **63.25%** of available funds shall be distributed among the following Student Union organizations:
 - a. Student Union Board
 - b. Student Union Board's Presidential Division
 - c. Student Senate
 - d. Council of Representatives

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e. Hall President's Council

f. Freshman Class

g. Sophomore Class

h. Junior Class

i. Senior Class / Senior Week

j. Off-Campus Council

k. Student Union Treasurer's Office

l. Judicial Council

m. Club Coordination Council

n. Transfer / Freshman Orientation

o. any other areas deemed appropriate by the Financial Management Board and approved by the Student Senate

5. For the purposes of the Rector's Fund, \$35,000 from "The Shirt" Charity Fund will be allocated to the Vice President for Student Affairs annually. In the event that the Charity Fund annual income is less than \$100,000, (35%) of the amount of the Charity Fund income in that given year shall be allocated to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

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**Preamble to the Student Union Constitution