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Senate:

The Club Coordination Council proposed that an allocation of 40% of the available Student Union Budget be given to clubs, rather than the current 36.75%. The CCC continues to fight for this additional increase, like we fought for the Student Activity Fee increase, because of the escalating and continual financial needs that clubs show us. This funding is needed beyond the Student Activity Fee increase so that clubs can grow and sustain their current level of activity.

Over the past few years, we have noticed three trends:

- improvements in club activities
- increasing number of clubs
- an increased desire for clubs to become more active on campus

While clubs are formed to address a limited constituency of the student body, collectively clubs represent the interests of the entire student body. Therefore, an increase in percentage would directly serve the entire Notre Dame community because clubs are able to work on a smaller budget to bring events to the students.

Clubs also have the unique opportunity to bring a variety of activities to campus, through their respective missions. This also has many benefits because it gives a larger proportion of students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and be actively involved on campus. Along with this idea, clubs strive to bring a variety of activities to campus, not just one.

Furthermore, clubs are subjected to extensive interviews regarding their interview request. The CCC examines each club's allocation thoroughly while taking into consideration the club's organization and past management of funds. If the CCC has any concerns, or if the club is in debt, we will not allocate them any funds until the problem has been resolved. This ensures that the Student Activity Fees are used by clubs in the most effective way. Since the CCC is an objective body we are able to evaluate each club's expenses in order to create fiscal responsibility, unlike past situations where other organizations don't have the accountability.

Please take into consideration the disproportionate amount of money we can allocate to clubs, and therefore clubs have to pay this difference out of pocket or take time away from programming to fundraise.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of clubs,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy O'Connor".

Amy O'Connor
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Club Coordination Council

Amendment Regarding an Increase to Club Allocations

WHEREAS the current Undergraduate Student Union Fiscal Policy guidelines state in Section III, #2 that 36.75% of student activity fees must be allocated to the line item "Clubs and Organizations" as the minimum amount designated for distribution by the Club Coordination Council, and

WHEREAS Section III, #3 states that 2.25% of the available funds shall be placed in a contingency fund to be allocated by the Executive Cabinet for the purpose of co-sponsorship, and

WHEREAS Section III, #4 states that the remaining 61% must be allocated among other Student Union organizations, and

WHEREAS the Student Senate has already approved an increase to the Student Activity Fee in order to address funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the first sentence of Section III, #2 be changed to read: The Minimum of 40% 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first sentence of Section III, #4 be changed to read "The remaining available funds shall be distributed among the following Student Union organizations."

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