Student Organization Fee Increase 2013

The MSU student body will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed Student Organization Fee increase (from $3.10/semester to $6.20/semester) on the ASMSU President/Vice President Ballot, March 5th & 6th.

Registered Student Organizations

- To date, there are **196 student organizations** registered with the Office of Activities & Engagement.
- 3,000 students involved in clubs, on record (~20% of the current student population).

Student Organization Funding Budget

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<th>Student Accountant*</th>
<th>Number of Clubs Funded to Date</th>
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<td><strong>2012-2013</strong></td>
<td>$99,951</td>
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<td><strong>2013-2014</strong> (current fee at $3.10/semester)</td>
<td>$77,898</td>
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<td><strong>2013-2014</strong> (proposed fee increase to $6.20/semester)</td>
<td>$155,796</td>
<td>$99,725</td>
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*Includes one-time money from ASMSU totaling $20,000
*Student Accountant is paid from this money and assists the Office of Activities & Engagement in managing this money.

Statistics & Need

2011-2012 Allocations:
- **Mass Funding:**
  - $216,348 requested from 45 clubs
  - $50,925 awarded to 23 clubs
  - Average allocation=$2,184
- **Rolling Funding:**
  - $20,987 allocated to 47 clubs
  - Average allocation=$437
- Total allocated=$71,912 to 70 clubs out of 210 Registered Student Organizations

2012-2013 Allocations:
- **Mass Funding:**
  - $239,761.06 requested from 50 clubs
  - $56,971 allocated to 32 clubs
  - Average allocation=$1,711
- **Rolling Funding:**
  - $39,880 to allocate
    - $20,000 from ASMSU as one-time money

**Student organization funding structure under current policies and fee amount**
Money is divided up into two pots of money, Mass and Rolling Funding.

Mass Funding

- Requests must be over $1,000
- Allocated in the spring to be used the following academic year
- 2/3 of money is in this pool

Rolling Funding

- Request cannot exceed $500
- Allocated throughout academic year, to be used within that academic year
- 1/3 of money is in this pool

**How Money is Allocated**

- Student organizations apply for their funding need.
- Student Organization Funding Board makes all funding decisions and meet weekly throughout academic year.
Examples of how money is used:

- NECO received $1,200 to help put on educational film events, Greenies Awards and offset the costs to send members to a national conference.
- Bozeman Hindu Society received $1,200 to help put on events such as Kirtan Night, a Dance Festival and Hinduism Exhibit.
- Swing Cats received $500 to help put on a dance workshop on campus.
- Technology Education club received $500 to help send members to a conference.

If the student organization fee increases, how does it benefit students?

- Student organizations have a large presence on the MSU campus and provide the entire student body with opportunities to participate in:
  - entertainment, educational, & cultural events
  - conferences and competitions
  - activities that connect students to their peers
- More funding for these groups will allow them to increase the amount of events and activities as well as have a larger presence on the MSU campus, nationally and even internationally!

Goals of the University

- In MSU’s newly adapted Strategic Plan, there are goals that directly relate to student organizations:
  - By 2019, MSU will have increased the percentage of students actively participating in student organizations.
  - MSU students, faculty and staff will have increased opportunities for leadership development.
  - By 2019, the number of opportunities for leadership development and practice will have increased. Awareness of the opportunities will have also increased.
  - By 2019, the percentage of MSU students, faculty and staff participating in leadership development activities will increase.

Goals of the Office of Activities & Engagement in Supporting Student Organizations

- The Office of Activities & Engagement believes student organizations must have adequate resources to support their members, grow their organizations and have the opportunity to put on events and programs.
  - Professional Development: Students often do not have opportunities to attend a conference, professional networking opportunities or competitions within the classroom or their department, but may be provided with that opportunity through their student organizations.
  - Leadership Development: Supporting student organizations financially allows them to coordinate events, programs, competitions, etc. Hosting such projects allows students to take on leadership roles and sharpen their leadership skills in a variety of ways.
  - Sustainability: Student organizations may need assistance “getting off the ground,” whether it is starting a new event or expanding their existing organization.

Questions?
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