

DEPAUW STUDENT GOVERNMENT

WHITE PAPER NO. 2

A White Paper Concerning Student Activities Funding

The Student Activity Fee (SAF) is currently \$205 and has been so for the last few years. The total requests for Fall 2012 were over \$390,000, with approximately \$245,000 available for distribution. The total requests for Spring 2013 were nearly \$300,000. Note, Union Board requested significantly less than usual.

As prices rise in general, more student organizations are created, and the student body seeks higher quality programming, a rise in the level of funding is necessary to maintain higher quality programming. Therefore, it is recommended that the SAF be raised from \$205 annually, to \$215 for the 2013-2014 school year. This will add roughly \$25,000 in funding annually at the cost of \$5 per student, per semester.

In order to put this rise in perspective, it should be noted that in comparison with most of our peer institutions, DePauw falls short when it comes to student organization funding.

DePauw	205
Albion	394
Alleghenny	150
Denison	430
Earlham	320
Hope	160
Kalamazoo	300
Kenyon	300
Oberlin	393
Ohio Wesleyan	260
Wabash	450

Beyond the 2013-2014 school year, the best solution for funding the SAF would likely be to tie the fee to a percentage of the tuition price. Currently, the SAF is .00535 of the tuition fee, or just over one-half of one percent. Ideally, the fee would be set at six-tenths of one percent of the annual tuition rate. This would serve two purposes. First, it would allow for a consistent increase in the SAF without new recommendations having to be made in the future. Secondly, the SAF would most likely increase each year, with a rise in tuition. Ultimately, the student body will understand that there are more resources available, which will lead to more requests for quality events, speakers and programming.

Motion by:
Representative Williams '15

Seconded by:
Representative Rosario '13

45 Senate Chamber
46 Aye: 16
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Representative Chamber
Aye: 13
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1

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This 9th day of December, 2012.

Signed Copy in Student Government Office
Sara Scully, President

Attest:

Signed Copy in Student Government Office
Marjorie Daily, Parliamentarian

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