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How To Write Appropriations

What is an Appropriation?

An appropriation can be defined as a sum of money that is allocated from Student Government budget, for a particular purpose.

There are a variety of situations for which an appropriation can be use. Here are some examples:

- To sponsor an event such as FIU theater plays or concerts, etc
- To fund a club or organization participating in a conference or in need of financial assistant for specific reasons.
- To support a especial project direct to the students by an academic department

Writing an Appropriation:

The appropriations follow the same structure of a resolution, meaning a preamble, main body (operative clauses) and a conclusion.

The conclusion of the appropriation should state the amount of money the Finance committee has decided to allocate.

Since the purpose of the appropriation is to "allocate funds", it is important that the appropriation satisfy the following questions:

Who?

The appropriation should explicitly explain, who is receiving the money allocated, and how they relate to FIU and our student body.

Why?

It is important to clearly state the reasons why the particular event, organization or group of students should receive the amount of money that will be allocated

When?

The appropriation should include the date of the event, or conference or a time frame for the money to be use.

Where?(if it applies)

Location where the money will be spent, or the event will take a place.

How?

Is really important to establish in a very explicit manner how are the students going to benefit from this money, or how many students will take part or be involved in the activity. Also it is useful to state how the event or group of student being funded will impact FIU and its community.

About Appropriations and Funds:

The Funds allocated in appropriations come from the "Representatives Discretionary Account" and are provided through the Finance Committee.

The student(s) or organization(s) asking for funds must first submit a proposal to the Finance Committee Chair. Base upon the information provided, the Finance Committee will decide if to allocate funds the students or organizations seeking for support, and how much money should the appropriation allocate. The final decision will be take by a majority vote of the Student Government Council.

The Representatives presenting the appropriations should be members of the Finance Committee, and should use the assistance of the Finance Chair.

On Agenda:

American College Theater Festival

Sponsors:

Representatives Justin Low, Alicia Almansa, and Armando Rodriguez

Committee:

Finance

Date:

February 6, 2002

Whereas,

The Student Government Association has always believed in spreading the good name of Florida International University not only throughout the United States, but also throughout different academic disciplines,

Whereas,

FIU has been invited to attend the American College Theater Festival, held in Spartanburg, SC on February 5-7,

.Whereas,

Five of these students have received nominations for the Irene Ryan Scholarship Award and will proceed to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. for national recognition if they do in fact receive this Award,

Whereas,

This festival is an excellent opportunity for FIU to gain national exposure to many career opportunities in the Performing Arts industry,

Be it resolved,

That the FIU Student Government Association at the UP campus appropriate \$300 to cover the cost of the students' registration fee for the conference.

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On Agenda:

National Collegiate Honors Council 36th Annual Conference

Sponsors:

Representative-At-Large Justin Low and Engineering Representative

Stephan Kuratli

Committee:

Finance

Date:

October 10, 2001

National Collegiate Honors Council 36th Annual Conference

Whereas,

The NCHC will be hosting their 36th Annual Conference

from October 31-November 4, 2001,

Whereas,

This conference is an excellent opportunity to enhance

the academic level at Florida International University,

Whereas,

The National Collegiate Honors Council Conference

hosts both students and faculty from some of the most outstanding universities in the nation, and is an excellent

opportunity to network and meet people,

Whereas,

Florida International University students will be able to

showcase their talents by presenting their own personal

projects at the conference,

Whereas,

The Student Government Association has supported this

same conference in previous years,

Be it resolved,

The Student Government Association appropriate \$600

to help cover a portion of the student's expenses.

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