

Section 2.01: Membership

The voting members of the Finance Commission shall be composed of the following:

- One Director of the Commission, who shall be called the Finance Director
- The ~~Treasurer of Student Senate~~ Organizations Commission Director
- Up to ~~nine~~ seven Student Senators
- Up to ~~eight~~ six students who are not Senators
- Preference for membership will be given to the Student Senate Treasurer
- The Finance Director, Organizations Commission Director, and Treasurer shall be considered a Senator or Non-Senator in the total count, depending on their status as Student Senators.

Section 2.04: Minimum Composition

All members of the Commission other than the Finance Director and the ~~Treasurer of Student Senate~~ Organizations Commission Director are recommended to the President for appointment to the Commission by the Director through a process of his/her determination. The Finance Director should make an effort to appoint members from a wide variety of academic and personal backgrounds. At all times, the Commission must consist of at least one more Senator member than Non-Senator members and a minimum of seven total members. At the start of a new Student Senate session when a new Finance Director is appointed, all members must re-apply to be considered for re-appointment to the Commission.

Section 4.03: Quorum

A quorum is defined as more than fifty percent of voting members present. For purposes of determining a quorum, the Finance Director, Organizations Commission Director, and Student Senate Treasurer shall be considered voting members.

Section 7.03: Criteria for Recognition

(7.03.2) Records

- An organization, to be determined to be an Organized Activity, must have handled its financial activities through the University accounting office for at least the ~~two completed fiscal years~~ full fiscal year immediately preceding its request for recognition. Once achieving recognition, the organization must continue to work through the university accounting office to maintain status as an Organized Activity.
- Each organization applying for recognition must supply the Commission with budgets and with revenue and expenditure statements for the previous ~~two completed fiscal years~~ full fiscal year to show budgetary competence.
- A management and accountability review by the Commission must find the organization suitable for funding based on demonstration of the organization's fiscal and management competency and responsibility.

Section 7.04: Written Description of Organization

The organization that wishes to be recognized as an Organized Activity and, as a result, be eligible to apply for SUF support must provide a written description to the Commission prior to April 4th 15th of the semester prior to the academic year in which the organization will submit a request for funds, with actual funding not being available until the subsequent fiscal year. The written description should cover the following, at a minimum:

Section 7.05: Administrative Homes and Advisors

The student organization shall have an advisor and both academic and administrative homes prior to the last Finance Commission meeting in February March of the semester in which the organization requests recognition.

Section 7.06: Review and Recommendation

At its last meeting in February March, the Commission shall 1) determine if the statement provided by the organization in response to Par. 7.04 addresses the points outlined in that paragraph; 2) confirm that the organization has found an advisor and academic and administrative homes; and 3) establish that the organization is in compliance with all of the criteria for recognition as an organized activity or is moving to attain that goal by the end of the semester. The Commission that is outgoing, based on the transition to a new student government following elections in March April, shall develop a recommendation to the incoming Commission of the new government as to its opinion of whether the organization has complied with recognition requirements. The outgoing Finance Director shall transmit the recommendation in written form, with supporting documentation, to the new Commission once it has been appointed by the new student government. Representatives from the organization must be present at all hearings and/or deliberation meetings.

Section 7.09: First Budget Process

During the first budget cycle in which a newly recognized Organized Activity wishes to be considered for SUF support, the organization shall complete the following or be deemed ineligible for funding in that cycle.

- The organization shall provide to the Commission all budgets and financial records for the previous ~~two completed fiscal years~~ full fiscal year. These are to be provided by the second Commission meeting in September or within two weeks of recognition as an Organized Activity, whichever is later.

Section 9.01: Budget Bill

Following consideration of all appeals, if any, of its tentative Organized Activities budget allocation recommendations for the next fiscal year, the Commission shall adopt and, via the Finance Director, introduce to the Student Senate a bill proposing the Organized Activities Budget the first third meeting of the spring semester that shall incorporate the Commission's final recommendations for Organized Activities Budget allocations, the three-year minimum allocations for Athletics and Recreation and the Organized Activities Segregated Fee rate.

