

Student Organization Resource Fee Board
36th Membership
2013-2014 Academic Year

12 September 2013
Resolution 2013-10
Vote: 9/0/1

WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for the fair allocation of the funds received by it from the students; and,

WHEREAS, to accomplish this goal, the Board maintains policies and standards for its allocation decisions; and,

WHEREAS, the officers and advisor of the Board have identified areas of the policies and standards which require clarification; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board amends its governing documents, policies, manuals, handbooks and standards, with the exception of the bylaws, to reflect and enforce the items enumerated herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and advisor of the Board are charged to undertake these amendments and may take any reasonable action necessary to do so; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendments shall take effect upon approval of a two-thirds vote of the Board and concurring approval of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn J. Gordon
Vice-Chairman

Attest: Matthew Stuart, Board Secretary

1. One event or travel request per application

An application may only contain one event or travel activity. A request that contains multiple items that should be split will only have the first item considered.

2. Study Abroad Office Documentation

An RSO applying for SORF funding for international travel must furnish a fully signed copy of the SAO reporting form or a confirmation of receipt from SAO to SORF (preferably the pre-reviewer, but if at the time of application, to the sorf@illinois.edu mailbox). SORF will no longer make these requests for documentation directly to SAO.

3. Automatic Rollover of Late Applications

If an application is submitted late, then it shall automatically roll-over to the next funding period, so long as the event date remains within that next funding period.

4. Computation Errors

If an application that receives funding at standard has an error in computation, but not application, of the standards, then it shall be presumed that the funding was granted as if the computation was made correctly. The RSO may only receive funding up to the limits as correctly computed. An RSO may not benefit from a favorable incorrect computation and an RSO will not be penalized for an unfavorable incorrect computation.

5. Clarification of the Pre-Meeting Voting on Standard Requests

The process for voting on standards is clarified to reflect the following:

1. Deadlines for identifying standard applications and voting are set by the Chairman in consultation with the Advisor. All members are expected to follow these deadlines. Members should communicate if they cannot meet the deadlines.
2. Members are expected to vote on items recommended at standard with a Yes, No or Abstention. This vote indicates approval/disapproval to consider the item with others in a single vote.
3. A majority of the membership is required to place a request in the standard block vote.
4. Members who vote No to block voting of a standard application should make their objections noted in the voting spreadsheet.
5. Pre-reviewers are expected to note in their comments that they have received all required documentation to fund a request at standard (e.g. publicity plans, study abroad information).
6. The agenda for the allocation meeting shall include the block vote on standard requests. At this item a motion to approve the requests as a block shall be automatically on the floor.
7. The presiding officer shall ask for any objections to one or more items in the block. Members may raise their objections to specific applications. These objections shall not be debatable. The board shall then vote on the objection. A two-thirds vote to sustain the objection shall place the request for discussion out of the block.
8. Following objections, the Board shall vote on the block. No debate shall be allowed on the question to approve the block.
9. Consistent with the bylaws, a majority vote is required to approve the block.

6. Team Registrations

SORF will fund team registrations at a rate of 50% of cost, not to exceed \$75 per person.

7. Ability to Suspend Funding Standards

The Board may suspend its funding standards with a three-fourths roll-call vote.