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Subject: Finance Committee - Vice Chair for Finance information for BOD
Attachments: 2010-11 Approved Operating Budget (1).pdf; Student Government Proposed Budget 2010-11.pdf; policy-102-student-government-staff-organization-charts-2015-update.pdf; Biweekly Report A S I Vice Chair for Finance.docx; Vice Chair for Finance Duty Description.pdf; Policy 201 Finance Committee COP - 1-4-16.pdf

Hello everyone,

The Finance Committee passed an updated budget for BOD approval. With this , there was the budgeted amount for the reopening of the Vice Chair for Finance position along with increases to officer GIAs. I have provided supplemental information in the attachments.

Background:

Much like the the prevailing theme of this term, in the 2010-2011 school year there was a budget crisis. At the time, A.S.I. had to bear through a substantial loss in revenue after Cal State LA moved to Self Support for the summer quarter. The previous year A.S.I. had a total revenue of \$1,203,160. The loss of summer revenue caused A.S.I to receive a total revenue of \$1,074,778. This sharp decrease forced A.S.I. to make cuts in many areas in order to balance the budget (they even managed to cut \$27,317 from the children center). Among these cuts were the GIAs of A.S.I. officers. Many officers had their GIA drastically reduced; the Vice Chair for Finance was completely removed with the burden of the role and responsibility to be placed on a finance committee member in order to reduce GIA spending (see page 9 of the student government breakdown).

Resolve:

Upon the discovery of this information along with the rising cost of living and increase in enrollment bringing ASI revenue back to and over \$1.2 million, the finance committee decided to increase the budgeted amounts of a few officer GIAs to the same amount they were paid before the 2010-2011 term. This included budgeting for the Vice Chair for Finance being paid as it once was before being removed.

Need:

This position is extremely needed more than ever. As many of you know, there has been a major increase in club funding requests and this massive quantity is affecting my ability to properly serve each club. Even with all the time I put into ASI, the time consumption involved with contacting each club is also affecting my performance of various other tasks as the VP for Finance. The Bylaws grant the VP for Finance charge over all finance units. The Finance Committee is one of the few committees which is granted an extra COP level in order to preside over multiple policies (Finance - 200 level, Personel - 100 level, Judicial - 300 level) and contains the largest number of policies. Currently as it stands the VP for Finance is the sole officer with the charge to coordinate all Finance units which include Policies, Funding, and Financial activities. The VP for Finance is the only executive officer with no direct ASI officer delegates which have the same focus (<http://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/upload/2015/02/policy-102-student-government-staff-organization-charts-2015-update.pdf>). This is not a sustainable structure and I am in desperate need of the officer position of Vice Chair for Finance to be reinstated.

Procedure:

When the decision was made to remove the position of Vice Chair for Finance, it was not done properly. The only actions which were taken was not budgeting for the GIA amount changing Policy 201 - Finance Committee COP, Section 4, ASI Vice Chair for Finance "The role and responsibility of V.C.F. will be performed by a committee member. By the second official meeting the committee will appoint a committee member as V.C.F. For A.S.I. Members the time served in this role will count as two of their eight weekly required service hours."

What the BOD at the time failed to do was remove the V.C.F as a GIA paid position in Policy 005 Grant-In-Aid Section 5.0, Appointed Director, 12. Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. More importantly the BOD at the time also did not change the Bylaws which still has the V.C.F as a BOD appointed position - Article VII, Section 5, D. "Have the power to recommend for appointment and/or dismissal, with a majority approval of the entire Board of Directors, students to the position of Vice-Finance Chair". Since the Bylaws is the ultimate governing document of this organization, it overrides any policy which is in conflict with it and ASI has been following the wrong policy since the 2010-2011 term. The position of Vice Chair for Finance still exists with GIA of the position simply not budgeted for.

As mentioned before, the Finance Committee has approved a budget with the GIA portion of the position budgeted for and awaiting BOD approval. The Finance Committee also changed policy 201 to comply with the Bylaws. The next steps to take are approving the job duty along with the Bi-weekly/Compensation amount. These are provided in the attachments and will be up for approval this coming BOD in order to begin receiving applications for appointment of the position.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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