

SUFAC Policies & Guidelines

1. SUFAC decisions must occur in a viewpoint neutral manner. When a University requires student fees and creates the mechanism (SUFAC Committee) for extra curricular speech, it (the University and SUFAC Committee) may not prefer some viewpoints to others.

The operational principle of viewpoint neutrality is the justification for requiring the student to pay the fee in the first instance and for ensuring the integrity of the program's operation once the funds have been collected (and allocated by the SUFAC Committee and WSG).

From the Board of Regents of UW-System vs. Southworth. US Supreme Court 2000.

(Parentheses added)

2. Allocable student fee monies can only be spent for items allowed in the UWS Policy Papers and budget items approved by SUFAC in individual budgets. Allocable student fee monies cannot be used for purchasing tobacco or other controlled substances. Alcohol purchases must be approved by SUFAC prior to the event and is limited to contractual obligations for performers.
3. The following organizations may not be funded by Segregated Fees:
 - A. Those that restrict membership, including but not limited to the following ways:
 - 1) Academic status
 - 2) Major and/or minor
 - 3) Sex, race, religion, color, creed, national heritage, age, marital status, sexual preference, income level or source and handicap
 - B. Social fraternities or sororities
 - C. Honorary professional or academic related organizations.
4. Deficit Financial Status of SUF Funded Program

SUF funded programs are required by the University of Wisconsin System policy to operate within institutional approved budgets annually, and deficit spending of accounts is not permitted. Any UW-Whitewater SUF funded program that overspends their account during any fiscal year will have that amount - in allocation (cash) and expenditure authority removed from their following year budget. A revised budget may be required for the SUF funded organization to match the reduced allocation and spending authority.

Any SUF funded organization that overspends budgets two years in succession may be required to meet with the SUFAC Committee to develop sound fiscal management practices for the program. SUFAC, may with the concurrence of the WSG Senate, impose more punitive fiscal measures on the SUF program.

5. Contingency/Capital Fund Allocation Approvals

The SUFAC Committee will review (as time permits) requests for allocations from the Contingency/Capital Fund as forwarded by the appropriate organization/units. SUFAC recommended allocations from the Contingency/Capital Fund will be forwarded to the WSG Senate for information and/or review at the next scheduled WSG Senate meeting. Any action that the Senate may wish to take on the proposed allocation must be concluded at the meeting and forwarded immediately there from. No action on the part of the Senate at that meeting will result in the SUFAC Committee motion being forwarded directly.

6. SUFAC actions are reported to the WSG Senate. A 2/3 vote of the WSG Senate is required in order to change an allocation recommendation of SUFAC.
7. SUFAC will create a detailed record of all student fee funding deliberations.
8. To be eligible to file an appeal of a proposed allocation, a representative of the organization must have attended the SUFAC budget deliberations for the organization.
9. Student organizations which are denied funding will be provided, upon written request, a written statement of reasons for denial.
10. SUFAC reserves the right to deny requests or place conditions (stipulations) on expenditure of allocations.
11. Individual organization allocable student fee monies from one fiscal year will not be carried over into another fiscal year without SUFAC consent. Carryover balances under \$100 will automatically be carried over. A revised budget may not be required.
12. Intercollegiate Sports budgets submitted to SUFAC beginning with 1992-93 must be in compliance with Title IX and the Civil Rights Restoration Act.
13. Segregated Fees may not be used to support any homecoming activities. (Exception: Homecoming Steering Committee.)

14. Food/Beverage costs can be paid from SUFAC allocations when specifically requested in the budget and approved by SUFAC (Please indicate if it is a reception, a meal, or an entertainment contract).
15. Organizations are not allowed to give SUFAC funds to other organizations, without the approval of the SUFAC.
- 16) For all SUF funded events, organizations must initially use generated revenues to reimburse the SUF account. Any other revenues are available to the organization for their own use.
17. Organizations receiving SUFAC monies should keep records, documents, and receipts for possible audits.
18. Organizations are encouraged to publicize the SUF fee fiscal support of activities through notation on publicity for events.
19. The following requests are due by specified annual date. Late requests may result in denial of funding.
 - A. Annual Budget Requests
 - B. Carryover Requests
20. Any member who has more than two unexcused absences may be brought up for Removal by the Chair. Removal is by majority vote of the SUFAC.
21. SUFAC reserves the right to change funding policies at any time.

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**Exceptions to any of these policies must be specifically approved by the Segregated University Fee Allocations Committee.

Appeals Process

SUFAC/WSG: Once SUFAC has published a draft budget, organizations will be notified of their recommended allocation for the next year. The appeal process is made directly to the Whitewater Student Government (see last paragraph below for instructions). While organizations may have varied reasons for an appeal, organizations can also appeal a student fee funding recommendation where it is alleged that the decision was based on a student organization's extracurricular speech or expressive activities, resulting in a violation of the requirement that allocable student fees be distributed in a viewpoint – neutral manner. The WSG may modify a SUFAC recommendation based on a 2/3 vote.

Chancellor: UW-Whitewater provides for an appeal to the Chancellor of a student fee funding decision where it is alleged that the decision was based on a student organization's extracurricular speech or expressive activities, resulting in a violation of the requirement that allocable student fees be allocated in a viewpoint-neutral manner, and where the appealing party has exhausted the process for review of student fee funding decisions established by the student government for such cases. The Chancellor's decision shall be final, unless the matter is brought to the Board of Regents in accordance with Regent Policy Document 86-4 and 88-6. Please contact Dr. Summers in the Student Affairs Office to initiate such an appeal.

SUFAC Overdraft/Misuse Policy:

1. SUFAC may take the following actions if an organization has spent more than their allowed budget at the end of the fiscal year.
 - A. SUFAC will perform an in-house audit of the organization during the following fall semester.
 - B. The organization may be requested to appear before SUFAC with their financial documentation.
2. If SUFAC determines that expenditures made above budgetary limits by an organization were not legitimate, the following actions may be taken, but are not limited to:
 - A. The amount of money overspent may be deducted from current allocated budget.
 - B. SUFAC may choose to deny funding for the next fiscal year.

CONTINGENCY – EQUIPMENT FUND

I. SUFAC Contingency Fund

- A. Definition: A fund established which may be used to cover unanticipated expenditures and/or for expansion of programs of currently funded organizations.

B. Parameters within which requests would be considered:

1. Unanticipated expenditures: this type of request would be to cover costs associated with programs which were funded but will incur expenses which could not have been anticipated at the time of budget hearings. Such requests will be considered if the request is submitted, if possible, prior to the expenses being incurred.
2. New program and/or expansion of programs: requests for funds to support new programs and/or expansion of existing programs would be considered on the following basis:
 - a) The request is not for reestablishment of funds previously requested and denied
 - b) The request is to fund a new program which is within the purview of the requesting organization.
 - c) The request is for an expansion of existing programs based on identifiable increases in participation and/or needs of the student body.
 - d) Request would allow for a greater increase in participation by a substantially larger number of the student body.

C. Definition: The equipment reserve may be used as:

1. A source of funds for a major purchase (equipment or capital), which will benefit the organization or the student body and which may not be the responsibility of a single funded organization.
2. A financial reserve for the management of organized activities (one-time funding of large capital items).

D. Parameters for expenditure of funds:

1. Requests would be submitted to the SUFAC Advisor.
2. New allocations to the Organized Activity Equipment Fund must be agreed upon by the Allocations Committee and recommended to the Student Government for approval in the annual SUFAC process.