UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

4th Legislative Session
Student Senate Session
S.S.B #10

Sponsor: Senator Hamstreet
Referred to: SABAC
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

Allocating $953.30 from UISG Contingency toward the African Student Association’s Taste of Africa event.

Section 1. Short Title

This bill may be cited as “Appeals Funding for the African Student Association’s Taste of Africa Event.”

Section 2. Background

According to the Student Allocations, Budgeting, and Auditing Committee (SABAC) By-laws, a student organization may appeal SABAC’s allocation decision within two weeks of the notification. If SABAC does not change the funding allocation after review, a member of SABAC should present the funding appeal as a piece of legislation to the Student Senate. The legislation must be heard on the senate floor within two weeks of the date in which the appeal was filed. It should be noted that the Finance Team recognizes that this current appeals process may not be effective in protecting the budgeting duty of the committee. Seeing as one of SABAC’s main goals is to be objective and strictly follow the funding guidelines, a review of the original budget request will not change the committee’s allocation decision. The only exception would be if an error is made on behalf of the committee, in which case, it will be corrected.

The University of Iowa Student Government strives to fund as many student organizations as possible in order to benefit students across campus. Unfortunately, due to increased funding requests and a fixed amount of funds, the UISG Finance Team decided to not fund any travel for Review Period 4 (allocation meeting on September 23rd) and to cut all other requests made during this period by 50%. The SABAC allocation account has between $300,000 and
$400,000 for FY20 (to spend from July 1, 2019 to June 31, 2020). Split across 26 two-week periods (the frequency with which SABAC reviews requests), the Finance Team has between $11,500 and $15,000 to spend during each funding period. For reference, SABAC received over $50,000 of requests during Review Period 4. By not funding travel and cutting all other requests by 50% of their original amount, SABAC allocated $12,878.52 during Review Period 4. The UISG Finance Team is currently establishing new funding guidelines that more accurately represent our current financial ability.

During Review Period 4, the African Student Association (ASA) requested $1,906.59 for their Taste of Africa event. Since all non-travel requests were cut 50%, ASA was allocated $953.30. Below is the purpose of ASA’s event.

The African Student Association will be hosting their annual event, Taste of Africa. They aim to educate students on the different cultural cuisines that African countries have to offer. They want to reach out to more students this year to come out and enjoy this event. With that being said, their organization will need to print 75 colored fliers to post all around campus and funds for renting a venue and to buy groceries for the native dishes and caterers. The event will be on Saturday, October 5th at the Robert A. Lee Recreation Center. This event is for students, staff, and the Iowa City community.

Section 3. Budget

ASA’s Breakdown for Taste of Africa

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*These line item costs represent half of the true cost. ASA has already received the other half.

Section 4. Action
The University of Iowa Student Government will allocate $953.30 from UISG Contingency toward the African Student Association’s Taste of Africa event.

Section 5. Enactment Clause

Be it enacted by University of Iowa Student Government upon the signature of President Mills.

[Signature]
Speaker of the Senate
Elli Lenz

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated from the 2019-2020 Student Senate Session.

[Signature]
Secretary
Caren Li

APPROVED on [Signature] 2019
UISG President
Noel Mills