

Finance Committee Passes Club Budgets

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On Sept. 28 the Student Government Association (SGA) held their weekly meeting and voted on the recommended allocations for club and organization budgets, which were passed by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee, composed of student representatives from various majors, voted on the proposed budget allocations after thorough consideration. Their recommendations for the budgets were given to SGA for final approval.

SGA Treasurer and Finance Committee member Michele Myers stated, "We try to make everything as fair as possible. This process can be long and frustrating, but the Finance Committee usually votes unanimously."

"The budgets are carefully looked over by the Committee before SGA votes. Each club or organization is given equal opportunity and awarded accordingly for their needs," Myers added.

The criteria for a budget to be approved must include a detailed account of how the money will be used. The Finance Committee takes into consideration the club or organization's needs, and decides exactly how much will be given.

Some clubs may notice that due to University Policy Rules and Procedures, certain areas of the budget cannot be approved.

University Policy prohibits SGA from funding for items such as food expenses solely on behalf of the organization's membership such as an "End of the Year Party" or a similar closed function.

Such expenses must be paid from the club's unrestricted account. Any copying or printing will be funded through SGA. Clothing items that will remain the property of individual students also must be paid from the club's unrestricted account.

Brad Moist, WPSH Club President and Station Music Director, stated, "Overall I was happy about the money we received, but the remaining

\$1,050 we asked for but didn't get was going to be used for the students."

Moist continued, "We wanted to give T-shirts and stickers to students on campus during functions we disc jockey. I don't have a problem with the Finance Committee, but I do not agree with University Policy at all. We wanted to be able to give back to the students who help support the radio station."

Moist added, "If the other clubs are going to use the majority of their money for the students, great. We need to use the money for the student's benefit, not just the club's benefit."

The Finance Committee will use the remaining amount of money in the Funds Available for Allocation (FAA) for new budget proposals or when clubs must remit their budgets. This allows clubs another chance to receive more allocated funds.

Jason Lynch, Treasurer of Penn State Professional Engineers and Contractors (PSPEC) said, "I was surprised at the amount of money we received. We asked for the same amount last year and got about \$1,000 less. This was the first time the Finance Committee let us talk to them about our budget proposals, maybe that is why we got more."

Lynch commented, "We knew we would never get what we asked for, but it was a nice surprise to receive what we did."

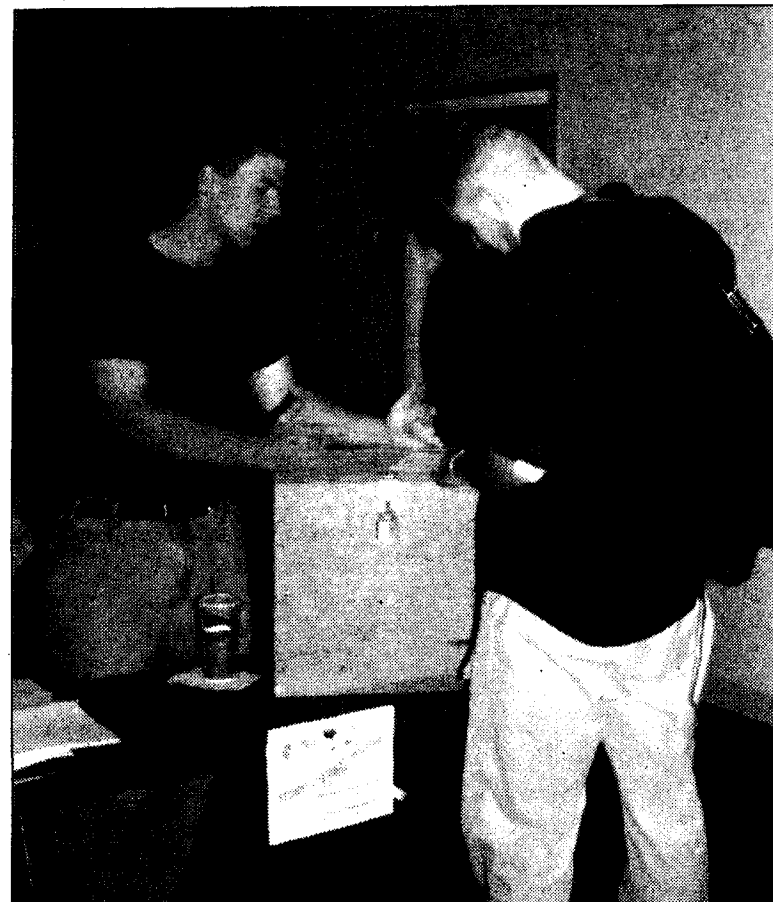


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A student casts his vote Sept. 30 in the SGA election.

SGA Election '99

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Despite a low turnout and numerous invalid votes, the Fall 1999 SGA elections managed to fill several needed senator positions.

Students were able to vote on either Sept. 29 or 30 in the main lobby of Olmsted. Roderick Lee, SGA President, explained that only 107 of the over 3,000 students at PSH cast their vote. Among these 107 votes, 56 were invalid, leaving only 51 valid votes to decide the election.

Although there were only 51 valid votes cast, none of the potential senators were running opposed. Most positions offered only one candidate, while the remaining positions offered a write-in option. Further, a write-in candidate must receive at least seven votes to be elected. No write-in candidates received the seven votes. Therefore, there are still positions to be filled.

The winners of the election are: Jeanine Betaudier - Junior Senator-at-Large, Fatima Siddiqui - Junior Senator Behavioral Sciences and Education, Michael Allardyce - Junior Senator Public Affairs, Chris Wood - Junior Senator Science, Engineering and Technology, and Jon Smith - Graduate Senator.

The positions of Junior Senator Business Administration and Junior Senator Humanities remain unfilled.

Lee reported that students should be appointed to these positions during SGA's Oct. 5 meeting.

This meeting took place after the Times' press deadline. Additional information and photographs about the appointed members and the induction ceremony will be published in the next issue.

CLUB	REQUESTED	ALLOCATED
ACM	\$ 2,565.00	\$1,190.00
ASL	\$ 100.00	\$200.00
ASME	\$5,240.00	\$1,750.00
ASQC	\$6,800.00	\$150.00
BSU	\$1,800.00	\$1,450.00
CCF	\$100.00	\$170.00
DSU	\$9,650.00	\$1,200.00
Finance	\$1,100.00	\$625.00
Hockey	\$245.00	\$365.00
IMASC	\$848.00	\$733.00
IAA	\$7,000.00	\$3,890.00
IEEE	\$3,000.00	\$1,850.00
Integration	\$2,000.00	\$1,645.00
Kappa	\$5,064.48	\$1,892.64
Lion Amb.	\$3,700.00	\$1,322.00
Pre-Law	\$1,033.75	\$218.75
PSPEC	\$13,885.00	\$3,850.00
PSU	\$2,600.00	\$400.00
Photo	\$745.00	\$795.00
Psi Chi	\$3,960.00	\$1,500.00
Psych	\$8,694.00	\$2,380.00
RCC	\$3,231.57	\$3,103.25
SEE	\$2,225.00	\$1,244.00
SIE	\$3,190.00	\$1,650.00
VSA	\$2,450.00	\$550.00
WPSH	\$4,451.49	\$3,401.49
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