

B-017
INCREASING THE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE FINAL APPROVAL LIMIT

University of Pittsburgh
Student Government Board
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**Introduced by Board Member Graeme Meyer, Allocations Chairwoman Nasreen Harun,
and President Mike Nites**

Whereas the Allocations Manual provides policies and procedures guiding the Allocations process,

Whereas all requests over \$500 require a recommendation from the Allocations Committee and a subsequent final approval from the Student Government Board,

Whereas the aforementioned \$500 limit has not been increased since at least 1984,

Whereas in 1998 the Allocations Committee had final approval of 66.86% of all supplemental requests submitted and the current Allocations Committee has final approval over only 40.3% of all supplemental requests received,

Whereas these claims are supported by the information in the attached Addendum A,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 15th day of April in the year of 2014, the Student Government Board at the University of Pittsburgh partners with the Allocations Committee to modify Title II in the SGB Governing Code, commonly known as “The Allocations Manual.” Sub-Sections 3 and 5 under Chapter 2. Article II. Section 2.05. shall be amended to reflect an increase in the Allocations Final Approval Limit to \$1200:

Chapter 2. Article II. Section 2.05. Supplemental Request and Budget Modification Requirements

3. The Committee will then render a decision after private deliberations.
 - a. Requests \$1200 or below are subject to the final decision of the Allocations Committee.
 - b. For requests over \$1200, the decision of the Allocations Committee is merely a recommendation; a final decision must be made by the Student Government Board.
 - c. Requests may be tabled for later discussion at the discretion of the Chair.

5. For requests over \$1200, the Allocations chair will present the Board with the recommendations of the Allocations Committee at the next public meeting of the Student Government Board (the following Tuesday at 8:45pm).

The resolution shall be effective with the start of Fiscal Year 2015 upon adoption by the Student Government Board and subsequent approval by the Vice Provost and Dean of Students, Dr. Humphrey.

Addendum A. Analysis of Allocation Committee Final Approval Limit

Summary of All Requests in FY14

Number of Requests (Budgets and Supplemental Requests): 733
 Number of Requests (Budgets Only): 378
 Number of Requests (Supplemental Requests Only): 355

Number of Supplemental Requests Approved by Allocations as a Percent of All Request Received

\$500 or less in FY98: 66.86%
 \$500 or less in FY14: 40.3%
 \$1200 or less in FY14: 62.8%

As demonstrated above, the proportion of requests that fall beneath \$1200 in FY14 is roughly equivalent to the proportion of requests received under \$500 in FY98.

Fiscal Year 2014					
Cutoff Point	Number of Requests Under Cutoff	Amount Requested Over	Amount Approved Over	Percent of all Money Approved	
500	143	\$ 43,348.91	\$ 32,615.73	10%	
600	153	\$ 49,173.72	\$ 37,310.54	11%	
700	165	\$ 57,118.09	\$ 43,486.83	13%	
800	180	\$ 68,677.87	\$ 51,998.57	15%	
900	196	\$ 82,353.20	\$ 64,521.07	19%	
1000	207	\$ 92,895.34	\$ 71,380.83	21%	
1100	216	\$ 102,334.34	\$ 80,141.54	24%	
1200	223	\$ 110,403.72	\$ 86,546.13	26%	
1300	230	\$ 119,078.75	\$ 92,576.08	27%	
1400	238	\$ 129,946.86	\$ 100,682.11	30%	
1500	247	\$ 142,975.45	\$ 110,352.70	33%	
1600	257	\$ 158,518.44	\$ 124,584.62	37%	
1700	262	\$ 166,798.61	\$ 130,520.98	38%	
1800	267	\$ 175,709.61	\$ 135,282.82	40%	
1900	270	\$ 181,356.85	\$ 136,742.82	40%	
2000	284	\$ 209,048.57	\$ 154,032.84	45%	
3000	321	\$ 299,799.14	\$ 221,874.96	65%	
4000	334	\$ 344,943.80	\$ 249,214.67	74%	
5000	340	\$ 372,854.96	\$ 268,327.73	79%	
10000	350	\$ 443,750.65	\$ 304,157.35	90%	

Figure 1. Fiscal year 2014 request summary.

Fiscal year 1998		
Date	Number of Requests Below \$500	Number of Requests Above \$500
1.18.1998	14	22
1.25.1998	21	35
2.1.1998	26	30
2.8.1998	24	35
2.15.1998	83	123
3.22.1998	14	15
3.29.1998	14	18
4.5.1998	7	7
4.12.1998	3	4
4.19.1998	12	14
9.1.1998	3	6
9.13.1998	18	20
9.20.1998	6	9
9.27.1998	8	18
10.4.1998	10	18
10.11.1998	12	15
10.18.1998	14	18
10.25.1998	8	18
11.1.1998	12	20
11.8.1998	10	19
11.15.1998	10	15
11.22.1998	3	5
12.6.1998	7	23
Total	339	507
	66.86%	

Figure 2. Fiscal year 1998 request summary.

Adjusting for Inflation

In 1984 (the earliest year identified in which the \$500 limit was in place) \$500 can be equated to roughly \$1,137.12 in 2014 when accounting for inflation.