



Dean of Students Office  
Student Affairs

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CC: Student Fee Advisory Committee Members  
All Fee Funded Units and University Sponsored Student Organizations  
Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

Date: December 9, 2025

Re: SFAC Funding Priorities Recommendations/Rationale for FY26 and FY27

## **I. General Process and Considerations**

The FY26 SFAC conducted budget hearings for Fee Funded departments, including University Sponsored Student Organizations (USOs), within the Division of Student Affairs, on Thursday, October 16, 2025, and Friday, October 17, 2025. Deliberations were held on Friday, October 31, 2025, and November 14, 2025.

SFAC deliberation in two key areas:

1. **Budget Reauthorizations** – Fee Funded Departments and University Sponsored Organizations within the Division of Student Affairs made requests for budget reauthorizations for FY27.
2. **One-Time Funding Requests** – Fee Funded Departments and University Sponsored Organizations made one-time funding requests for FY26 and FY27. No base funding requests were permitted.

## **II. SFAC Executive Summary**

For the FY26-27, SFAC was given the task of allocating the funds of \$350,935.35, a significant decrease from FY25-26 funding allocations. Considering the changing priorities and the significant decrease in available funding, some USO and departmental programs and/or initiatives have either been partially

funded or not funded at all. Based on priority and need, SFAC has decided to fund or partially fund some essential student programs and necessary resources for FY26 and FY27 as outlined in Sections IV and V. These funding recommendations are centered on core programs, initiatives, and employment opportunities that prioritize student engagement and the student experience.

For the next fiscal cycle, SFAC requests that all departments and University Sponsored Organizations complete the following:

- Collect and analyze comprehensive student programming data (e.g., attendance numbers, student demographics, student satisfaction, what students are learning, etc.) in their respective areas
- Share and include comprehensive student programming data on budget questionnaire forms and in budget hearing presentations to support all SFAC funding requests
- Provide a detailed breakdown of the estimated use of funds (e.g., reservation fees, marketing, food and beverages, supplies, student giveaways, transportation, etc.) for each SFAC funding request

### **III. Student Service Fee Rate Schedule**

#### **Current Fee Rate for FY26**

Per Credit Hour: \$44.10

Students Enrolled in 6 hours or more: \$264.60

Total Projected Revenue: \$4,860,848.00

#### **Proposed Fee Rate for FY27**

(No changes made per Executive Order of Governor Abbott issued on 11/13/2024)

Per Credit Hour: \$44.10

Students Enrolled in 6 hours or more: \$264.60

Total Projected Revenue: \$4,860,848.00

**One-Time Funding Balance Available for FY26 and FY27: \$350,935.35**

### **IV. Funding Decisions for FY26**

#### **A. One-Time Funding Requests**

Of a total of 21 requests for FY26, SFAC voted by consensus to provide one-time funding for 12 student programs and initiatives. SFAC was allocated \$350,935.35 in available funds and recommended funding for \$46,400.00 from the FY26 one-time funding requests.

## **Approved Requests**

### **1. Weeks of Welcome Programming (Campus Activities Board)**

Requested for FY26: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$7,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for CAB's Weeks of Welcome Programming for FY26. Weeks of Welcome Programming bring students together at the start of each semester in meaningful ways. Funding initiatives for the Campus Activities Board permit students to feel connected and engaged with a university sponsored organization and campus life through large-scale events and initiatives.

### **2. Fit Fest (Campus Recreation and Wellness)**

Requested for FY26: **\$5,000.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$2,500.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Fit Fest for FY26. The Fit Fest will be a week-long event including student fitness challenges, giveaways, Goat Yoga, and more. By only providing partial funding, SFAC requests for Campus Recreation and Wellness to utilize their currently available equipment and prioritize the funding for special components of this week-long event, such as Goat Yoga.

### **3. Career Closet (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY26: **\$3,500.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$2,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for the Career Closet FY26. The Career Closet is an essential resource for students who need access to professional clothing for interviews, internships, professional mixers, etc. With this partial funding, SFAC requests for the Career Closet to expand its offerings to include larger sizes for the student body. SFAC also requests that the Center for Career Development provide more student data that shows the impact of the Career Closet for the next funding cycle.

### **4. Jobs4Hawks (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY26: **\$5,000.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$5,000.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for Jobs4Hawks for FY26. Jobs4Hawks/Handshake is a necessary engine for students to find on and off-campus internship opportunities. Jobs4Hawks is also critical for departments and offices to reach students for on-campus student employment and work study opportunities.

**5. Parker Dewey Micro-Internship Program (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY26: **\$2,500.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$2,500.00**

SFAC has approved a request for the Parker Dewey Micro-Internship Program for FY26. This internship program allows students to participate in short-term project-based work experiences that may strengthen their career paths. SFAC approves students gaining internship experiences that are flexible and attainable.

**6. Weeks of Welcome (Student Affairs)**

Requested for FY26: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$5,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for the Weeks of Welcome for FY26. Weeks of Welcome (WOW) is an essential two-week program that welcomes and invites students to campus life. Students, new and returning, get engaged and connected early on campus, as well as access to key resources essential to a successful school year. Therefore, SFAC approves the Division of Student Affairs' efforts to uphold this tradition. However, SFAC prioritizes WOW for the Fall semester over the Spring semester, given the influx of new students in the typical Fall semester.

**7. Campus Posting Board Kiosks (Student Affairs)**

Requested for FY26: **\$8,500.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$5,300.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Campus Posting Board Kiosks for FY26. Current bulletin boards in buildings are well-worn and breaking apart. SFAC recommends the placement of these new campus posting kiosks in Delta, SSCB, Bayou, STEM, and Pearland to improve communication and engagement of campus events for students.

**8. Marketing and Communications (Student Affairs)**

Requested for FY26: **\$2,823.50**      Approved for FY26: **\$400.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Marketing and Communications for FY26. Student Affairs should continue utilizing and sharing current cameras and resources. Instead of a Grammarly License, SFAC asks that Student Affairs utilizes free online and campus resources. SFAC recommends using the awarded funding for wireless microphones.

**9. ASGA Annual Membership & Virtual SG Training (Student Government)**

Requested for FY26: **\$1,500.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$1,500.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for the American Student Government Association (ASGA) Annual Membership and Virtual Student Government Training for FY26. The preservation and development of Student Government require an ASGA Annual Membership, just like the rest of the UH system's SGAs. This will help set up Student Government for future success.

**10. Podcasting Equipment (Student Media)**

Requested for FY26: **\$2,700.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$2,700.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for Podcasting Equipment for FY26. This investment will allow *The Signal* to continue training with industry-standard equipment with Professor Michael Brims, therefore improving the quality of multimedia content. This will strengthen *The Signal* as a learning tool for students and align with the rest of the UH System's Student Media departments.

**11. Two Outreach Student Contractors (Student Media)**

Requested for FY26: **\$3,500.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$3,500.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for Two Outreach Student Contractors for FY26. *The Signal* currently does not have the ability to act at its full potential due to a lack of dedicated positions to proactively develop partnerships and resources. This initiative will help to increase audience engagement. SFAC asks that the Student Media department plans to create lasting fundamental connections and partnerships beyond the allocated funding.

**12. Military-Connected Year-End Celebration Dinner (Veteran and Military Resource Center)**

Requested for FY26: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY26: **\$9,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved a funding request for the Military-Connected Year-End Celebration Dinner for FY26. This community dinner that recognizes veteran students' achievements drew 167 participants last year. With this partial funding, SFAC hopes the VRMC builds upon their success and draws in more participants, partnerships, and community members.

## **Denied Requests**

### **1. Professional Officer Development (Campus Activities Board)**

Requested for FY26: **\$12,000.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for Professional Officer Development funding for FY26. SFAC encouraged CAB to seek out virtual professional development opportunities. SFAC further recommends that the Center for Student Engagement creates institutional professional development opportunities for the USOs and RSOs. As the current CAB President has previously attended the National Association for Campus Activities Conference, they should pass down their wisdom and leadership techniques to the current cohort, and so on.

### **2. Career Fair Venue (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY26: **\$4,420.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for Career Fair Venue funding for FY26. SFAC suggests looking into ways to reduce venue costs by looking at different venues on campus to host Career Fairs, like the Bayou Building Atriums. The Center for Career Development should consider incorporating a small fee for employees to participate in Career Fairs.

### **3. Hawk Mentorship Program (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY26: **\$6,000.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for Hawk Mentorship Program funding for FY26. The Hawk Mentorship Program is a new program that connects current UHCL students to accomplished UHCL alumni. This program unfortunately is limited by the number of alumni willing to participate. There is also not yet enough student participation to justify this funding allocation.

### **4. Professional Headshot Machine (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY26: **\$34,600.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for Professional Headshot Machine funding for FY26. This funding request would allow students to use an automatic autonomous headshot machine. However, there are already cameras across campus available to take quality headshots. In addition, Marketing and Communications can continue taking headshots for students.

5. **Spirit Programs** (Center for Student Engagement)

Requested for FY26: **\$30,000.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for Spirit Programs funding for FY26. This funding request would allow the CSE to adopt the Spirit Squad and train them to engage students, redevelop, and compete. Costs include cheer camp, membership, new uniform packages, travel, etc. Although a great investment, SFAC denies this request due to its high cost and low priority.

6. **NODA Summer Intern** (Orientation and New Student Programs)

Requested for FY26: **\$12,000.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for NODA Summer Intern funding for FY26. With ONSP's vacancies now filled, SFAC hopes that ONSP instead fully rely on its Orientation Student Assistants, Program Manager, Coordinator, and Orientation Leaders instead for their predicted duties.

7. **Construction Project and Hunter's Hangout** (Student Affairs)

Requested for FY26: **Up to \$100,000.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for Construction Project and Hunter's Hangout funding for FY26. This request is for the ongoing construction project on the first floor of SSCB which includes the relocation of services, new furniture, branding wraps on windows and doors, new TV's, etc. Due to its high cost, SFAC denies this request to provide adequate funding for other essential student services, wages, and programs.

8. **UTV/Golf Cart Vehicle** (Student Affairs)

Requested for FY26: **\$20,000.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for UTV/Golf Cart Vehicle funding for FY26. A UTV/Golf Cart would allow Student Affairs to transport large event items and supplies to places across campus with ease. This request was denied, as SFAC asks instead to continue accommodating for critical set-up time for large-scale campus events. SFAC recommends strengthening their relationship with FMC regarding requests to transport large-scale items and supplies.

## **9. Signal Promotional Items (Student Media)**

Requested for FY26: **\$2,000.00**      Denied for FY26

SFAC has denied a request for Signal Promotional Items funding for FY26. SFAC recommends exploring alternative, cost-effective methods of promotion, such as digital marketing, leveraging all social media platforms, and/or partnering with other campus departments and organizations for cross promotion.

## **V. Funding Decisions for FY27**

### **A. One-Time Funding Requests**

Of a total of 46 requests for FY27, SFAC voted by consensus to provide one-time funding for 34 student programs and initiatives. SFAC was allocated \$350,935.35 in available funds and recommended funding for \$309,034.64 from the FY27 one-time funding requests.

### **Approved Requests**

#### **1. Executive Board Wages (Activities Funding Board)**

Requested for FY27: **\$13,043.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$13,043.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for Executive Board Wages for the Activities Funding Board for FY27. The Activity Funding Board (AFB) manages and administers funding requests from Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), creates a series of workshop recordings that will serve as a permanent resource for future RSOs, and therefore enhance student life on campus. SFAC approves of ensuring these student leaders are compensated for their time and effort.

#### **2. Maintenance & Operations (Activities Funding Board)**

Requested for FY27: **\$1,500.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$1,500.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Maintenance & Operations funding for the Activities Funding Board for FY27. Maintenance and operations cover general supplies, materials, and office, all of which support the Activities Funding Board operations and service to student organizations.



### **3. Supplemental Funds for Student Organizations (Activities Funding Board)**

Requested for FY27: **\$17,500.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$10,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Supplemental Funds for Student Organizations for FY27. These supplemental funds are necessary for the AFB and registered student organizations (RSOs). SFAC asks that the AFB finds a strategy that encourages more involvement from RSOs so that they are not any unused swept funds.

### **4. Executive Board Wages (Campus Activities Board)**

Requested for FY27: **\$7,903.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$7,903.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for Executive Board Wages for the Campus Activities Board for FY27. These student leaders are key to organizing, planning, and executing initiatives that drive high levels of student and campus community engagement. Their leadership and dedication help create meaningful experiences for students and compensating them ensures that their efforts are recognized and valued, fostering continued commitment to the success of student events and belonging.

### **5. Spring Thing Programming (Campus Activities Board)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$5,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Spring Thing Programming for FY27. The Spring Thing is a recent new spring tradition that gives students the opportunity to listen to engage and connect. With partial funding, SFAC suggests CAB seeks sponsorships and partnerships to keep this program alive.

### **6. Weeks of Welcome Programming (Campus Activities Board)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$10,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for CAB's Weeks of Welcome Programming funding for FY27. CAB has enhanced WOW by throwing large-scale community events like Casino Night and Wing Night. SFAC approves this request to maintain and strengthen these events that draw and foster connections to UHCL for new students.

**7. Halloween Fest (Campus Recreation and Wellness)**

Requested for FY27: **\$12,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$12,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Halloween Fest funding for FY27. Halloween Fest is arguably the most attended campus event not just by UHCL, but the local community as well. Halloween Fest also has the hugest display of collaboration between USOs, RSOs, and departments across campus. With its recent absence speaking volumes, SFAC approves of maintaining and strengthening this beloved campus tradition.

**8. Career Closet (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY27: **\$3,500.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$2,000.00 (partial)**

SFAC has approved partial funding for the Career Closet for FY27. Students need access to professional clothing for interviews, internships, professional mixers, etc. With this funding, SFAC requests Career Closet to expand its size options for the student body, to account for larger sizes. SFAC also requests additional student data to show the impact of the Career Closet for the next funding cycle.

**9. Career Fair Venue (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY27: **\$8,840.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$8,840.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Career Fair Venue funding for FY27. The space available at the Campus Rec should be efficient to hold a Career Fair, as done previously. This funding should be enough to cover anticipated costs.

**10. Jobs4Hawks (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY27: **\$5,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$5,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Jobs4Hawks funding for FY27. Jobs4Hawks/Handshake is a necessary engine for students to find on and off-campus internships opportunities. Jobs4Hawks is also key for departments and offices to reach students for on campus student employment and work study opportunities.

**11. Parker Dewey Micro-Internship Program (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY27: **\$2,500.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$2,500.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Parker Dewey Micro-Internship Program funding for FY27. This program was designed to allow students to gain experience in short-term project-based internships. Therefore, SFAC approves of giving students the opportunity to gain valuable and flexible experiences.

**12. Altitude Program (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$8,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for the Altitude Program for FY27. Altitude is a new event series from the Center for Student Engagement that provides a high energy, highly entertaining, and unique event experience to close out the academic year. SFAC approves of continuing this event as an annual tradition moving forward.

**13. First Year Experience Living Learning Community (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$15,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$12,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for the First Year Experience Living Learning Community (LLC) for FY27. The First Year Experience LLC will support new students in transition to UHCL, including the creation of key faculty and staff connections, student orientation activities, and community programming and engagement activities. SFAC approves of the commencement of this experience, not only to improve the first-year experience, but also as a recruitment strategy for first-year students.

**14. Homecoming (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$20,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$20,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Homecoming funding for FY27. Homecoming is a tradition held not only at UHCL, but also at universities across the nation. Homecoming at UHCL includes events like the Duck Race, I HEART UHCL, and the annual Chili Cook-Off. SFAC approves of continuing this reliable tradition for it supports the universities' values of creating lasting campus traditions, fostering student values, and supporting student retention.

**15. National First-Generation Week (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$5,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$5,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for National First-Generation Week funding for FY27. UHCL continues to host many first-generation students each year. Therefore, SFAC approves of carrying this important week forward to further support the development and support for first-generation students. Costs would include panels, signature programs, celebrations, student giveaways, food, etc.

**16. Welcome Back Bash (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$10,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Welcome Back Bash funding for FY27. The Welcome Back Bash is an essential program for the beginning of the academic year. The Center for Student Engagement, working directly under Student Affairs, is the primary executor of this. Funding is approved to run annual operations to serve the student population, especially to foster new student connection and belonging on campus.

**17. Hawk Pantry – Equipment and Supplies (Dean of Students Office)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$9,000.00 (partial)**

SFAC has approved partial funding for the Hawk Pantry (Equipment and Supplies) for FY27. SFAC recognizes the importance of the Hawk Pantry and feels it is a pivotal resource for students at UHCL, especially during this current state of the economy, making this resource just more vital and necessary. By addressing food insecurity, the Hawk Pantry promotes the student body's well-being and fosters a caring and connected campus environment. The growing utilization of the Hawk Pantry by students across various demographics emphasizes the importance of this resource on campus. The approved funding will be used to reinvest in the Hawk Pantry infrastructure.

**18. Hawk Pantry – Food (Dean of Students Office)**

Requested for FY27: **\$24,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$24,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Hawk Pantry (Food) funding for FY27. SFAC recognizes the importance of the Hawk Pantry and feels it is a pivotal resource for students at UHCL, especially during this current state of the economy, making this resource just more vital and necessary. By addressing food insecurity, the Hawk Pantry promotes the student body's well-being and fosters a caring and connected campus environment. The growing utilization of the Hawk Pantry by students across various demographics emphasizes the importances of this resource on campus.

**19. Insurance Credentialing (Health Services)**

Requested for FY27: **\$5,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$5,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Insurance Credentialing funding for FY27. This funding will be able to request and expand provider network participation and maintain compliance with insurer requirements. Health Services can then serve more students with different insurance providers.

**20. Medical Supplies (Health Services)**

Requested for FY27: **\$4,400.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$4,400.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Medical Supplies funding for FY27. This request is essential to maintain and resume daily services, evaluations, and exams for students.

**21. Point-n-Click Software (Health Services)**

Requested for FY27: **\$22,853.64**      Approved for FY27: **\$22,853.64**

SFAC has approved a request for Point-n-Click software funding for FY27. This software is essential for patient scheduling, while maintaining patient's confidentiality. SFAC views this request as vital to the success of Health Services.

**22. Wellness Exams and Testing (Health Services)**

Requested for FY27: **\$8,675.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$8,675.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Wellness Exams and Testing funding for FY27. Wellness Exams and Testing provide cost-effective access to healthcare and are essential in addressing public health challenges. This helps ensure all students, especially international students, receive the care and resources they need. In support of students' health and well-being, Health Services offers vital services and programs such as HIV testing and health education for managing health conditions, while also reducing barriers to care for vulnerable groups on campus.

**23. Family Weekend (Orientation and New Student Programs)**

Requested for FY27: **\$15,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$8,000.00 (partial)**

SFAC has approved partial funding for Family Weekend for FY27. Family Weekend is a previous tradition relaunched in FY25. It includes events like Hunter's Family BBQ Brunch with the UHCL President, Hunter's Carnival with student organizations and local vendors, mock classroom

sessions with faculty, and student services panels. ONSP provided sufficient data that proved that Family Weekend is a tradition to stay, for it fosters a sense of belonging and enhances student engagement.

**24. Pearland Student Affairs Programming (Student Affairs)**

Requested for FY27: **\$14,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$10,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Pearland Student Affairs Programming for FY27. SFAC recognizes the need to increase student involvement and engagement at UHCL at Pearland campus. A vibrant and engaged student body is essential for creating a thriving campus community and fostering a sense of connection among students to increase their academic success and retention. By supporting initiatives that promote student engagement, we help strengthen ties to the university, build school spirit, and create a supportive environment that values student participation. This, in turn, improves student retention rates, ensures that students feel a meaningful connection to their campus experience, and students can utilize services offered at the Pearland campus.

**25. Student Wages (Student Affairs)**

Requested for FY27: **\$22,500.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$22,500.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Student Wages funding for the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs for FY27. Student workers provide critical assistance with divisional communications, event support, and daily operations. These roles also serve as dual roles, for they support DSA Communications, as well as ensure smooth operations and professional service to students, staff, and campus partners. Without these student employees, the office would face significant operational challenges that could impact its ability to provide timely and quality support to students.

**26. Weeks of Welcome Programming (Student Affairs)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$5,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Weeks of Welcome Programming for FY27. SFAC suggests working collaboratively and relying on its departments and offices housed under the Division of Student Affairs and campus partners to coordinate programs.

**27. Executive Board Parking Permits (Student Government)**

Requested for FY27: **\$420.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$420.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Executive Board Parking Permits for Student Government for FY27. The Student Government Executive Board works daily, not only as students, but as advocates for

the student body. In addition, Student Government attends administration meetings, hosts SG programs and initiatives. Therefore, SFAC approves of funding parking permits for Student Government.

**28. Executive Board Wages (Student Government)**

Requested for FY27: **\$12,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$12,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Executive Board Wages funding for Student Government for FY27. The student government executive board members play a vital role in student advocacy and leadership. Their work involves representing student interests, organizing campus initiatives and engaging with the administration to drive positive and impactful change. Compensation for these positions ensures that they are recognized for their time and efforts, which are essential to maintaining a strong, active student government and supporting the broader student community.

**29. Promotional Items (Student Government)**

Requested for FY27: **\$4,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$2,000.00 (partial)**

SFAC has approved partial funding for Promotional Items for Student Government for FY27. SFAC recognizes that promotional items can be useful for raising awareness of the organization's mission. However, SFAC believes that the primary focus should be on student advocacy and engagement, rather than promotional materials. By approving partial funding, SFAC is encouraging the organization to prioritize its core goals and ensure that resources are allocated to advocacy efforts that have a more significant impact on the student body.

**30. Student Government Initiatives (Student Government)**

Requested for FY27: **\$4,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$4,000.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for Student Government Initiatives for FY27. As active advocates for the student population, Student Government needs to host signature events and programs to connect with the student body. SFAC recognizes this and hopes that Student Government aligns its programs and initiatives with student needs across campus.

**31. Fall National College Media Convention (Student Media)**

Requested for FY27: **\$8,400.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$8,400.00**

SFAC has approved a funding request for the Fall National College Media Convention for FY27. *The Signal* has attended this invaluable conference in the past but, due to complications arising from the transition between advisors and former student contractors, the organization has been unable to attend in

recent years. Therefore, SFAC approves funding this initiative to provide members of the student media editorial team with beneficial knowledge to improve operations upon returning.

**32. Signal Promotional Items (Student Media)**

Requested for FY27: **\$3,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$3,000.00**

SFAC has approved a request for Signal Promotional Items funding for FY27. *The Signal* serves as a core voice and means of communication for the student body. Promotional items will assist *The Signal* with student and campus outreach efforts.

**33. Student Programming & Engagement Initiatives (Veteran and Military Resource Center)**

Requested for FY27: **\$15,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$12,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Student Programming and Engagement Initiatives for the Veteran and Military Resource Center for FY27. This request not only includes programs like Boots to Suits, Veterans Day Celebration, and information sessions, but also the Military-Connected Year-End Celebration Dinner. SFAC believes the partial funding should be enough to create educational and impactful events for student veterans and military-connected students.

**34. Student Wages (Veteran and Military Resource Center)**

Requested for FY27: **\$20,000.00**      Approved for FY27: **\$15,000.00** (partial)

SFAC has approved partial funding for Student Wages within the Veteran and Military Resource Center for FY27. Student workers in this office are vital to responding to student inquiries, maintaining consistent office operations, as well as supporting outreach and event logistics. However, SFAC believes that three student workers should be sufficient to run daily operations.

**Denied Requests**

**1. Professional Officer Development (Campus Activities Board)**

Requested for FY27: **\$12,000.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Professional Officer Development funding for CAB for FY27. There may be virtual options to participate in professional development. SFAC recommends that the Center for Student Engagement creates institutional professional development opportunities for the USOs and RSOs. The current CAB President should present and pass down their learned knowledge and experience with current and future CAB Officers.



**2. Hawk Mentorship Program (Center for Career Development)**

Requested for FY27: **\$12,000.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Hawk Mentorship Program funding for FY27. The Hawk Mentorship Program is a new program that connects current UHCL students to accomplished UHCL alumni. This program unfortunately is limited by the number of alumni willing to participate. There is also not yet enough student participation to justify this funding allocation.

**3. Alternative Spring Break/Service-Learning (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Alternative Spring Break/Service-Learning funding for FY27. SFAC suggests that students look for different resources and groups for an alternate Spring Break, or to seek nearby locations instead.

**4. Graduate Assistant (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$14,500.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Graduate Assistant funding for FY27. SFAC recognizes the staffing assistance a graduate role provides, as well as serving as a developmental learning experience. However, SFAC could not move forward to approving this request, and instead suggests dividing these duties among student workers instead. SFAC suggests that CSE provides additional impact data regarding this role for the next funding cycle.

**5. Spirit Programs (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$8,000.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Spirit Programs funding for FY27. This is not a top priority for SFAC currently, given the other campus traditions and spirit presence across campus.

**6. Student Staffing – Extended SOCAL Hours (Center for Student Engagement)**

Requested for FY27: **\$13,000.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Student Staffing – Student Organization Center and Lounge (SOCAL) Extended Hours funding for FY27. Although extended hours would be beneficial to some

students, the data does not show that this is a student need at this time. SFAC suggests considering opening later in the morning to carry more evening hours.

#### **7. Hawk Launch Program (Orientation and New Student Programs)**

Requested for FY27: **\$15,000.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Hawk Launch Program funding for FY27. Though there are two different programs, given the similar goals and strategies expressed with the First Year Experience Living Learning Community, SFAC suggests that Orientation and New Student Programs partner with the Center for Student Engagement to pilot this new first-year student-oriented program. In addition, the workshops previously housed with Hawk Launch can be repurposed and offered to first-year students in different ways throughout the start of fall semester.

#### **8. Marketing and Communications (Student Affairs)**

Requested for FY27: **\$144.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Marketing and Communications funding for FY27. The above request would approve a Grammarly license for Division communications. However, SFAC believes that there are alternate free resources that are sufficient to provide professional-quality emails, marketing materials, and announcements.

#### **9. Professional Officer Development (Student Government)**

Requested for FY27: **\$10,000.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Professional Officer Development funding for FY27. SFAC understands that it is imperative that student leaders are given professional development opportunities to provide pivotal insight in student advocacy, enhancing leadership skills, improving governance effectiveness, and insights on how to better serve the student body. SFAC instead suggests cheaper and more affordable virtual SG training, as well as passing on previous knowledge from past officer development training.

#### **10. Mailchimp Software Subscription (Student Media)**

Requested for FY27: **\$1,200.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Mailchimp Software Subscription funding for FY27. SFAC suggests looking for free resources and tools in order to mimic a subscription to *The Signal's* publications and outreach initiatives.

### **11. Newspaper Printing (Student Media)**

Requested for FY27: **\$2,500.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for Newspaper Printing funding for FY27. SFAC believes that physical print materials do not necessarily align with current technology. Therefore, SFAC recommends leaning into digital content to reach students and the campus community.

### **12. Outreach Student Contractors (Student Media)**

Requested for FY27: **\$12,600.00**      Denied for FY27

SFAC has denied a request for two Outreach Student Contractors funding for FY27. Unfortunately, there are not enough funds in this budget cycle to approve this request. SFAC asks instead to plan for the approved student contractors for FY26 and utilize this to create the fundamental partnerships and community connections necessary for the future of *The Signal*.

## **VI. Reauthorization of FY 2026 Base Budgets for FY 2027**

The reauthorizations of FY 2026 Base Budgets for feed funded departments and University Sponsored Organizations within the Division of Students Affairs for FY 2027 have been included as an attachment with this report.

## **VII. SFAC Committee Members**

- Veronica Garcia, Student Chair
- Sanika Dutta, Student Vice Chair
- Anthony Sanchez, Student Appointment
- London Fereaud, Student Appointment
- Christopher Thomas, Student Appointment
- Dr. Jason Murasko, Faculty Appointment
- Dr. Kent Divoll, Faculty Appointment
- Panya Milliner, Staff Appointment
- Zachary Sheriff, Student Government President
- Matthew Perry, Associate Dean of Students, Director of Student Housing
- Sirena Birkeland, Student Affairs Business Administrator

## VIII. Signatures



Veronica Garcia, Student Chair



Matthew Perry, Assoc. Dean of Students, Director of Student Housing



Dr. Laquala Dixon, Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students



Dr. Tina Powellson, Vice President of Student Affairs



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