



Student Organization Funding Committee  
Central Student Government  
Winter 2019 Report

## Administration

| <b>NAME</b>    | <b>POSITION</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Anthony Garvey | Chair           |
| Crede Strauser | Vice Chair      |
| Taylor Lansey  | Vice Chair      |
| Emil Meireles  | Vice Chair      |
| Richa Shah     | Secretary       |
| Max Jones      | Secretary       |

## Committee Overview

As a committee of the CSG Assembly, the Student Organization Funding Committee (SOFC) is responsible for the appropriation of CSG funds to registered student organizations (RSO) at the University of Michigan. SOFC issues grants and authorizes transfers of funds into the SOAS accounts of RSOs strictly on a reimbursement basis. SOFC has nine funding cycles known as waves - each has its own receipt and appeal deadline. Within one semester, an RSO may apply for funding up to nine times and accumulate up to \$10,000 in total awards.

The funding application review and appeal units of SOFC seat 28 members who comprehensively represent our multi-faceted and diverse campus. SOFC is partitioned into two committees that convene on Sundays to review funding applications. Each committee is responsible for reviewing the appeals of the other in order to maximize perspective and ensure an unbiased review. The administrative board seats four chairs and two secretaries who are responsible for a wide array of front and back-end processes such as annual budgeting and accounting, data modeling and analysis, public relations and communication, and financial consulting. RSO representatives may also visit weekly SOFC Chair office hours held in 2450 North Quad.

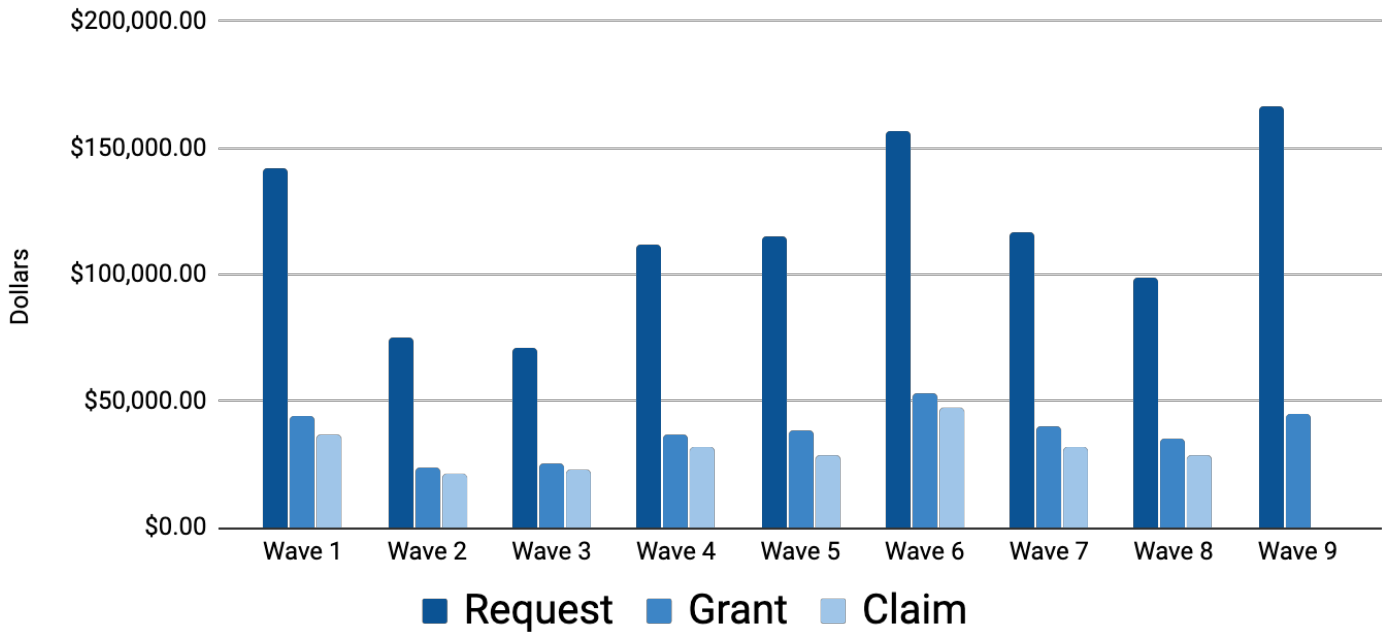
## Financial Data

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| <b>Term</b> | <b>Definition</b>                                     |
| Request:    | Total amount requested from funding application       |
| Award:      | Initial sponsorship amount decision                   |
| Supplement: | Secondary sponsorship decision in supplement to AWARD |
| Grant:      | Sum of Award and Supplement (total sponsorship)       |
| Claim:      | Total reimbursement                                   |

| Wave         | Awards         |              | Appeals     | Claims       |              |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Request        | Award        | Supplement  | Grant        | Claim        |
| 1            | \$141,632.21   | \$41,966.60  | \$1,850.00  | \$43,816.60  | \$36,736.00  |
| 2            | \$75,328.01    | \$20,668.00  | \$2,750.00  | \$23,418.00  | \$21,465.00  |
| 3            | \$71,133.23    | \$24,390.92  | \$1,000.00  | \$25,390.92  | \$22,574.36  |
| 4            | \$111,778.90   | \$36,519.63  | \$20.00     | \$36,539.63  | \$31,813.72  |
| 5            | \$114,805.88   | \$37,205.00  | \$850.00    | \$38,055.00  | \$28,586.73  |
| 6            | \$156,386.06   | \$47,118.54  | \$5,675.00  | \$52,793.54  | \$47,968.25  |
| 7            | \$116,512.96   | \$39,026.44  | \$650.00    | \$39,676.44  | \$31,583.02  |
| 8            | \$98,616.46    | \$34,481.47  | \$325.00    | \$34,806.47  | \$28,560.94  |
| 9            | \$166,888.19   | \$41,986.45  | \$1,650.00  | \$43,636.45  | \$36,023.45  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | \$1,053,081.90 | \$323,363.05 | \$14,770.00 | \$338,133.05 | \$285,311.47 |

| Wave           | Reviews      |        | Claims |        |
|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                | Applications | Award  | Funded | Claim  |
| 1              | 71           | 30.94% | 61     | 83.84% |
| 2              | 36           | 31.09% | 32     | 91.66% |
| 3              | 48           | 35.69% | 39     | 88.91% |
| 4              | 52           | 32.69% | 47     | 87.07% |
| 5              | 61           | 33.15% | 57     | 75.12% |
| 6              | 80           | 33.76% | 68     | 90.86% |
| 7              | 59           | 34.05% | 53     | 79.60% |
| 8              | 57           | 35.29% | 51     | 82.06% |
| 9              | 68           | 26.15% | 58     | 82.55% |
| <b>Average</b> | 532          | 32.11% | 466    | 84.38% |

## Funding Dynamics by Wave



### Analysis

SOFC began the Winter 2019 funding cycle with a budget of \$294,967.65, which included a rollover of \$64,704.77 from the Fall 2018 semester. Over the course of the semester, SOFC received \$1,053,081.90 in requests across 532 funding applications. Due to a roughly 100% increase in the amount of requests SOFC received, we view the Fall 2018 rollover as an essential component to the Committee's ability to meet this demand. SOFC has awarded \$338,133.05 to 235 student organizations to date and has received proof of payment for \$285,311.47. This leaves a positive balance of \$8,116.23 in the SOFC account, which will be held until resolved and distributed upon the approval of next semester's budget.

During the Winter semester, SOFC supported 236 student organizations, which represents more than 15% of active student organizations on the Ann Arbor campus. The average portion of requested funds that was granted was 32.11%. During the 2018-2019 school year, SOFC received 860 applications requesting \$1.58 million and awarded \$517,197.48. The reach of SOFC in providing financial resources for student organizations is an encouraging sign. SOFC has become increasingly important in helping to facilitate student organization work at the University of Michigan. Considering historical SOFC funding requests, funding will likely need to be increased as demand is expected to rise in future semesters because of the unique challenges and costs incurred by student organizations on Michigan's campus.

## Graduate Student Organization Funding

Over the course of the semester, student organizations consisting of graduate students comprised an average of 48.9% of funded organizations. As graduate students account for 34.2%<sup>1</sup> of all students on campus, we view this application rate as both a significant improvement upon previous years for graduate student funding, as well as an acceptable funding distribution for graduate student organizations. During the Winter 2019 semester, SOFC improved its outreach with graduate student programs, including a number of Law School and Rackham organizations. SOFC looks forward to strengthening its relationship with graduate student programs in the coming year and maintaining campus awareness of CSG funding resources.

## SOFC Initiatives

In coordination with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) as well as Wolverine Wellness, CSG continued its efforts to require student organization leaders to attend Bystander Intervention Training in order to receive more than \$1000 in claims. During the 2018-2019 school year, 215 authorized signers representing 114 student organizations attended these training sessions. This is an encouraging sign as CSG will continue to be committed to changing the culture around sexual misconduct as well as alcohol and other drug misuse on campus.

CSG also piloted a new initiative in 2019 in coordination with the Student Sustainability Initiative and the Office of Campus Sustainability to require all student organizations who intend to serve food at their events to apply for free compostable materials. Over the course of the semester, 74 student organizations applying to SOFC for funding hosted Zero-Waste events.

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<sup>1</sup> The combined graduate and professional student enrollment can be found at <https://ro.umich.edu/reports/enrollment>