

The Student Organization Funding Commission

WINTER 2018 END-OF-SEMESTER REPORT

SOFC WINTER 2018 AGGREGATE NUMBERS

SOFC began the Winter 2018 semester with a total budget of \$332,459. To date, SOFC has allocated \$407,273.19 over nine waves, as broken down below. Of those granted funds, SOFC has received proof of payment and claims for \$336,996.52 from waves one through nine. This final claim yields a deficit of \$4,537.52. This does exceed the budgeted total for SOFC by about 1.3%, and is the result of uncommonly high claim rates this semester, with the median claim rate being 87.2% compared to prior semesters' median of approximately 80%. It is also the result of a starting balance on the SOFC accounts for the semester that was approximately \$2,400 below the allocated value by the Assembly, due to lower-than-anticipated rollover funds. This deficit is to be held on the SOFC accounts until the semester change, at which time it will be resolved by the distribution of rollover funds.

Over this semester, SOFC supported a record-high 298 student organizations, distributing on average \$791.55 per request for funding. This represents funding more than 17.6% of active student organizations on the Ann Arbor campus. The average portion of requested funds that was granted over the course of the semester was 31.15%. On average, each student organization submitted to SOFC 1.72 requests for funding over the course of the semester. In addition to record highs of unique student organizations submitting requests to SOFC for funding, we also witnessed the highest demand for funding in SOFC history this semester, along with the highest number of requests in a single wave and the highest amount of requested funds in a single wave. The increasing reach of SOFC in servicing student organizations is an encouraging sign, but the

increasing demand for funding demonstrates that the role of SOFC is increasingly important in helping facilitate student organizations' vital work, and funding will likely need to be increased in future semesters to meet increasing demands for funding and declining external sources for funds available at the university, as well as the unique challenges and new costs borne by student organizations in response to university changes such as the closure of the Michigan Union and other novel developments on campus.

SOFC WINTER 2018 PER-WAVE BREAKDOWN

| Wave | Requested Funds | Share Demanded | Real Allocated | Grant % | Total Claimed | Claim Rate |
|------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | 154733.77 | 0.146 | 42217.05 | 0.273 | 37626.91 | 0.891 |
| 2 | 40412.78 | 0.038 | 17435.00 | 0.431 | 16100.18 | 0.923 |
| 3 | 95548.58 | 0.090 | 39641.61 | 0.415 | 25549.70 | 0.645 |
| 4 | 94353.52 | 0.089 | 30618.85 | 0.325 | 19333.40 | 0.631 |
| 5 | 68764.97 | 0.065 | 26220.00 | 0.381 | 23533.86 | 0.898 |
| 6 | 148117.27 | 0.139 | 58168.60 | 0.393 | 50936.04 | 0.876 |
| 7 | 143738.73 | 0.135 | 43000.00 | 0.299 | 37493.70 | 0.872 |
| 8 | 126300.25 | 0.119 | 71874.91 | 0.569 | 62164.25 | 0.865 |
| 9 | 191144.70 | 0.180 | 78097.17 | 0.409 | 64258.48 | 0.823 |

SOFC WINTER 2018 GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING

In each wave during the semester, student organizations consisting of graduate students comprised an average of 43.99% of applications. As graduate students comprise less than 35.17% of all students on campus,¹ we view this application rate as both a significant improvement upon previous years' application rate for graduate student organizations, and also as an acceptable application rate for graduate student organizations.

¹ One can find the combined graduate and professional student enrollment at <http://www.ro.umich.edu/report/17enrollmentssummary.pdf>, and as the graduate and professional students comprise 35.17% of all students, we can reasonably conclude that graduate students must comprise some lesser proportion.