



October 12, 2016  
To the Student Body at Large  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Greetings to the fine students of the illustrious Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. It is a pleasure to serve you all as the Organization and Finance Committee Chair of the Student Senate for this academic year. We, the current members of the Student Government Association, are working diligently to improve Student Body relations and facilitate transparency from within the organization to the members of our campus. Therefore, I'd like this memorandum to serve as a formal notice to the Student Body about the status of A&S Funding for this Fall 2016 semester:

Every academic year, in the Fall semester, the Director of the University Budget Office gives our SGA Director an estimate of what A&S Fee Carry-Forward amount should be. Carry-Forward estimates are based on the dollar amount of Activity and Service Fees that haven't been used in the previous fiscal year (between July 1st -June 30th of the following year). This amount is generally moved to the Senate Unallocated Account and the Student Senate proceeds to help fund clubs and organizations with the money through Appropriation Bills (Special Allocations). As of right now the estimated amount of Carry-Forward is at about \$293,000 but due to the FAMU Board of Trustees Policy 2005-005, we are unable to obtain the estimated Carry-Forward amount until the Board votes on this budget increase during the December 1, 2016 meeting. Thus, Special Allocations for this Fall 2016 Semester have been declared suspended.

On Monday October 10, 2016, The 46th Student Senate voted to have Senate President Johnson request via memorandum that Student Body President Smith calls for an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees to approve the A&S Fee Carry-Forward amount. We are hoping that this yields a positive, effective result and that we can all recover from this unexpected and undesired circumstance.

*Policy 2005-005:*

*"IV. Amendments to the Operating Budgets*

*The President is hereby granted the authority to amend the approved operating budgets, provided that the amendments do not exceed 2% or \$100,000 per fund. A budget report will be provided at each Board of Trustees meeting. Amendments approved in the previous fiscal year*

*will be continued in the subsequent fiscal year if the obligation was not met and cash is certified as available. Budgets for E&G certified forward or non E&G encumbrances do not require Board of Trustees re-approval as these expenditures were approved in the prior year's budget. Changes in certified forward budget requirements will be reflected in the calculation of available carry forward monies."*

I would like to thank all clubs and organizations who complied with the Office of Student Activities and Student Senate mandates to become eligible for funding and I regret that these University policies have negatively impacted us all at a time when there are so many students in need of assistance to reach the goals of their organizations. As the financial custodians of the Student Senate, Senate President Johnson and I, will continue to work diligently on behalf of the Student Body to help disseminate information on this matter.

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