

Bowdoin Student Government

Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809030

Proposed by: Student Activities Funding Committee

Date: April 7, 2009

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE TO THE SAFC RULES AND PROCEDURES

Change 1

It is the recommendation of the SAFC that the calculation for gas reimbursement for student vehicles be amended from 0.225 to a variable rate to be determined by the national gas average divided by 20mpg.

We feel is the average for US vehicles. The justification for change is that we have been overpaying students for their gas when they use their own personal vehicles. We determined this by looking at gas receipts returned by students. The current gas calculation is for a 7 passenger van, which has a much lower mpg than the average car.

Change 2

New Addition to the Blue Book:

It is the recommendation of the SAFC and the SOOC, that the SAFC not be required to indirectly fund student wages in cases outside of DJ-ing. Ideally, student funds and college resources should not be used for the benefit of a few students who have the privilege of acquiring revenue from the indirect use of college resources (ex. Being paid \$75/hour to videotape graduation while using a college camcorder). Under the current system, students are able to determine their own wages and employ themselves. On behalf of the student body and in the spirit of fairness, we believe that the Student Employment Office should determine all wages and student employment. The current system under which the SAFC has operated inherently places a certain value on some jobs while devaluing others. (i.e. Student A gets paid to video graduation, but Student B who sets up a stage for CAB gets nothing). As long as a club is reliant on SAFC funds they may not use those funds or revenue stemming from those funds to pay their members. The creation of revenue with the assistance of student funds is a privilege and should be treated as such. However, should a club generate profits without the assistance of the SAFC, profits in private accounts can be used as club members see fit.