ASRCC BUDGET FUNDING MEMO Fiscal Year 2025-2026

This year the ASRCC did their deliberations for their FY 2025-2026 funding. We appreciate all the entities that came to ASRCC for funding and spent the time and energy to prepare and present their requests. Budget deliberations are never easy because ASRCC would love to fund all the programs, events, athletic teams, clubs, and organizations at the level with which they requested and needed for their programs. We know that these entities at RCC are doing what they can with the resources they are provided.

This year our projected budget from the district is \$1,120,000.00, in line with FY 24/25 funding. This is in large part an INCREASE of projected student enrollment and students paying their fees so thank you for your diligence in reminding your students. ASRCC still tried to project an average of 18,000 students paying their fees each semester. Within that there is an immediate reduction of almost \$188,000 to cover the ASRCC commitment to increases in RTA fees (\$124,000) and the mandated Student Representation Fee (SRF)(\$64,000) that was implemented by SSCCC and the State Assembly. This left ASRCC with approximately \$954,000 and a projected rollover of approximately \$100,0000 to allocate over Athletics, Clubs, Organizations, and ASRCC – which had total requests of approximately \$1,759,394.61 The following are considerations for budget allocations.

Considerations Notes:

- 1) Number of events done on campus that are open to and benefit to the larger RCC student population.
- 2) The entities involvement on campus and their contributions to the RCC experience.
- 3) The entities presence for their budget hearing.
- 4) The committee looked at guest artists, clinicians, and speakers and their impact on the RCC student experience and them being open to all RCC students. They looked at event attendance and student involvement.
- 5) The committee also looked at equipment and instructional materials that the college and district should be providing as part of curricular instruction. The committee feels that the district and college financial commitment to instructional supplies and materials should not be the burden of the student fees.
- 6) The committee also looked closely at field trips and events off campus that only benefit a small number of students. They also looked at the intent and the impact of the field trips and their contribution to the overall experience. They determined that a cap of \$10,000 would be for club field trips
- 7) The committee also looked at conferences and transportation expenses and how much the club was doing on campus and how much they were going off campus for events.

The fiscal year for ASRCC shall run from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Budgets are available for spending beginning the first day of the fiscal year. Spending will close on Friday, two weeks before the end of the fiscal year. Any expenses submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Any entities seeking new, additional, or augmented funding will need to appear before the ASRCC Senate during their meeting in August. There is a possibility that August 2025 enrollment numbers will be more favorable, at which time ASRCC will propose a budget augmentation. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to come and present to ASRCC. Go Tigers!

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