

Student Activities Council

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SAC Fact Sheet

Organizational Information

November 2003

1. General Information

1.1. Organization name

The Student Activities Council of the University of Pennsylvania

1.2. Total number of active members

Executive Committee: 9
General Body: 205

1.3. Student population SAC represents

Approximately: 7000

1.4. Officer titles, names, and emails

Chairman:	Simon E. Bland <i>Positions held:</i>	blands@wharton.upenn.edu <i>Chairman (Feb 02--)</i> <i>Vice Chairman (Oct 01 - Feb 02)</i> <i>Board Member (Feb 01 - Oct 01)</i>
Vice Chairman:	Naomi Berkowitz <i>Positions held:</i>	<i>Vice Chair (Feb 03--)</i>
Secretary:	Varun Sureka <i>Positions held:</i>	<i>Secretary (Oct 03--)</i>
UA Treasurer	Jennifer Choi <i>Positions held:</i>	<i>UA Treasurer (Mar 03--)</i>
Committee Members:	Alex Graeffe Mike Keutman Mike Hogg Cristina Suroiu Omar Vasquez	

1.5. Date when new executive board takes office

Third week of October (4 members)
Fourth week of February (4 members)

The 193 recognized groups on campus are supervised and lead by an Executive Committee consisting of 9 members. 8 members are elected by the SAC general body. The ninth member is by default, the UA treasurer. Each term lasts one year. (ie. Fall to fall, spring to spring). The positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are voted upon by the Executive Committee at the first Exec meeting after the general election. Exec members are nominated, deliver a presentation to the Exec board and then answer questions from their peers. A confidential vote ensues, and the 3 highest vote getters are awarded the position of either Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary.

2. Organization Information

2.1. Purpose of your organization

Our purpose as The Student Activities Council is to recognize, supervise and fund undergraduate activities at the University of Pennsylvania.

Our mission is to provide for greater cooperation between activities and to facilitate greater communication and cooperation between students and the University administration.

Our vision is to promote and improve the quality of student life at the University of Pennsylvania.

2.2. Goals and current projects this year and those planned for next year

- 1) To fund and supervise SAC recognized groups
- 2) The following is adapted from the official “SAC Priority Outline”:
 - a. SAC’s relationship with groups, the administration, the UA and SPEC
 - b. Promotion of greater interactivity between SAC groups and Exec-Com
 - c. Creation of an incentive scheme for financially responsible groups
 - d. Creation of a major collaboration initiative among SAC groups
 - e. Improvements to the annual SAC budgeting/allocation process
 - f. Policy formation regarding “prioritization” within SAC groups
 - g. Policy renewal regarding revenue reporting and auditing of SAC groups
 - h. Funding sources for the Sports Club Council and Performing Arts Council
 - i. Improvements and enhancements to the SAC website

A detailed listing and description of the above can be found in a document entitled “General Priority Outline” at:

<http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~sac/SAC Priorities.pdf>

2.3. Umbrella organizations that SAC is a part of

The Undergraduate Assembly

2.4. SAC Slogan

“We Hear You”

“Student Government Working for You!”

3. SAC Finances

3.1. Annual Budget

2003-2004:	\$ 643,030.00
2002-2003:	\$ 612,501.00
2001-2002:	\$ 591,443.00
2000-2001:	\$ 494,345.00
1999-2000:	\$ 446,436.00
1998-1999:	\$ 449,919.00

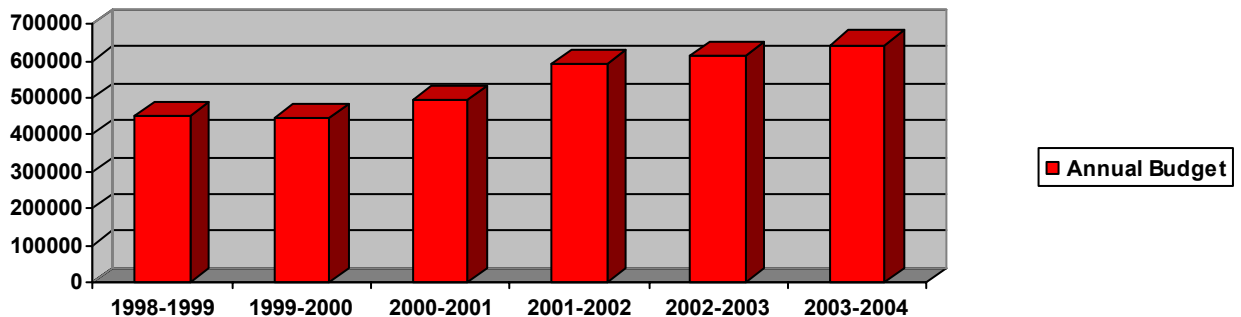
3.2. Allocations

2003-2004:

SAC Allocation from the UA	\$ 643,030.00	
SAC Administration	\$ 132,836.00	
Contingency Fund	\$ 128,607.00*	
Allocated to SAC Groups	\$ 367,268.00**	(\$5000.00 set aside for appeals)

* Allocated to groups over the duration of the year in order to cover unforeseen expenses and activities that were not finalized at the time of annual allocations, including PA facilities.

** Allocated to groups at the beginning of the fall 2003 semester



4. Comparative Advantage

The Student Activities Council inherently contains a competitive advantage in the following areas:

- a) **Diversity**
SAC represents virtually all races, cultures & ethnicities on campus.
- b) **Size**
Our size is a relative advantage as our voice carries the weight of the majority of undergraduates on campus.
- c) **Understanding**
The understanding SAC Exec has of its groups, their needs and concerns is enhanced through our weekly committee meetings with specific groups and through our regular general body meetings at which all 188 groups are present.
- d) **One Committee, consolidated views**
SAC Exec is able to consolidate the views of our groups and represent a large proportion of students with one voice.
- e) **Priority outline consistency**
SAC has an established set of priorities which allows for the enhancement of both SAC and the University at large.
- f) **Motivation & Efficiency**
Both SAC Exec and the SAC general body contain members that are enthusiastic, motivated and eager to work hard to ensure activities, clubs and societies at Penn are stimulating, interesting and fun.

5. Administrative Routine

The Executive Committee meets weekly from 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Thursday evenings. Groups wishing to meet with SAC Exec do so during this time. In addition, monthly general body meetings are held where all 193 group representatives meet with SAC Exec.

The SAC Constitution and Activities Manual are available at:
<http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~sac>