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Student Activities Council

# Priority Outline

An overview of the direction we're traveling in



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#### **SAC'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GROUPS, THE ADMINISTRATION, THE UA & SPEC**

**Summary:** A renewed effort to enhance the relationship SAC has with the parties above. A focus will be placed on changing the current perception of SAC toward a more 'approachable' organization that represents the views and concerns of student groups on campus. In a similar light, an initiative designed to motivate group leaders on campus to become more involved and active in SAC will also be launched.

### 2

#### **PRIORITIZATION OF GROUP ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONS AND FUNDED EVENTS**

**Summary:** The formation of policy that prioritizes the focus of SAC recognized groups. The desired outcome is that each SAC group on campus will provide an activity / service that is unique. The benefits from this are increased group awareness; higher participation rates from specialization; and increased funding that is directed solely toward the principle mission of the group, rather than scattering funds around similar activities offered by similar groups.



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### 3

#### **GREATER INTERACTIVITY BETWEEN SAC GROUPS AND SAC EXEC-COM**

**Summary:** The Executive Committee wants, and needs, to hear input from the groups we supervise and fund. In this regard, our VC will focus on ways in which Exec-Com can work more closely with groups, in many aspects, not just financially.

### 4

#### **INCENTIVE SCHEMES FOR FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE GROUPS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HELPING GROUPS BECOME SOMEWHAT SELF-RELIANT**

**Summary:** One of our most important functions is to ensure all SAC funded groups receive an equitable budget. Due to SAC's limited funds and a growing number of groups, an incentive scheme will be developed to aid groups become **somewhat** self-reliant. Furthermore, groups that are / do become self-reliant should be rewarded for doing so. This priority focuses on just that.



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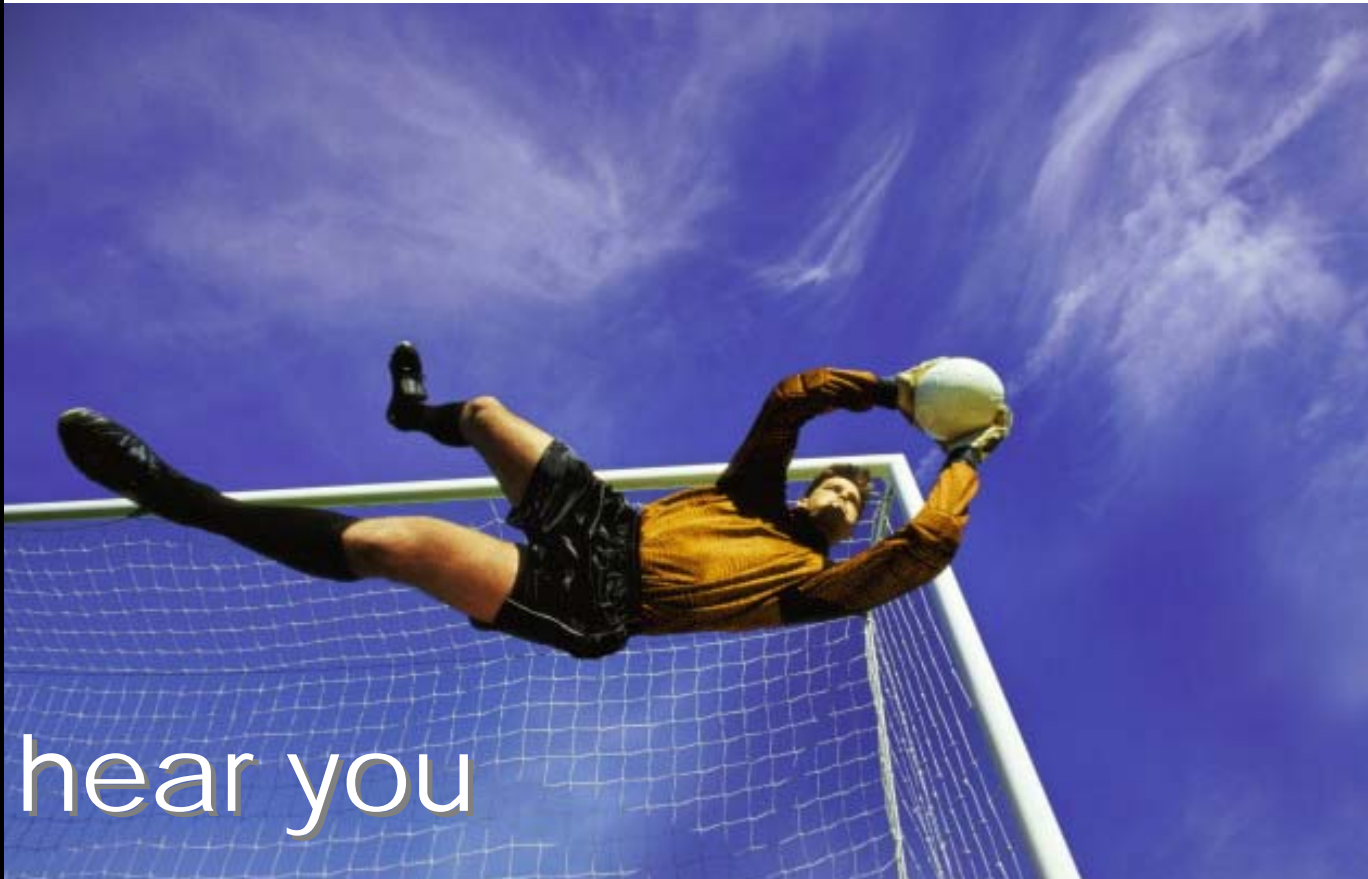
#### MAJOR AND MINOR COLLABORATION INITIATIVES AMONG SAC GROUPS

**Summary:** The formation of an initiative that hopes to promote the **voluntary** collaboration among SAC groups. By doing so, groups would benefit from shared knowledge and resources. Similarly, promoting active interaction between students on campus is critical. Friendship and greater interaction between groups and the members within those groups is the main focus of this priority.

### 6

#### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SAC BUDGETING AND ALLOCATION PROCESS

**Summary:** Annual allocations went remarkably smoothly this year, although a number of areas were identified that could be improved. In this regard, this priority will focus on a treasurer training session; greater clarity in SAC standards, funding guidelines and procedures; and ways in which we can achieve greater efficiencies within Exec-Com during the 2 week allocation and budgeting process.



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#### **POLICY REGARDING REVENUE REPORTING AND AUDITS ON SAC GROUPS**

**Summary:** In line with our focus on increased spending efficiency and improved allocation of funds to groups, this priority will focus on ensuring all groups report their revenue and utilize University accounts. By doing so, all groups will benefit from fairer grant allocations. However, we fully recognize that currently, groups have no incentive to appear “wealthy” and as such don’t report revenue. This priority is closely linked to priority 4.

### 8

#### **SPORTS CLUB COUNCIL FUNDING INITIATIVE**

**Summary:** Currently, a major chunk of SAC money goes toward the SCC. Exec-Com would like to provide even more funding for sports. However, due to our limited budget, we are unable to do so. This priority will focus on sourcing alternative funding sources, **in collaboration with the SCC**, for clubs sports at Penn.



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#### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SAC WEBSITE

**Summary:** It was envisioned that the SAC website be consistent with the approach SAC is taking toward groups: it should be user-friendly & effective. The website is now complete although will be undergoing constant update. Similarly, to enhance the usability of the site and to promote SAC groups to all Penn students, an online database has been outsourced. By utilizing the database, Penn students will be able to search for groups via category, interest, size of group etc... The database is incorporated into the University's Campus Express application. Students will have the opportunity to submit their application / interest to a number of selected groups through the click of a single button.

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