
To the 76th Senate,

On November 26, 2025, this office received a request from Internal Vice President Enri Lala for an audit of BCU expenditure and fiscal practices. The request consisted of five items. We have declined to respond to the fifth, which requested an evaluation of how accessible these services are to the student body. Such an assessment would require a methodology more complex and nuanced than could be executed to a satisfactory standard within the time provided.

In the appendix, you will find the sheets pertaining to the remaining four items, which collectively cover the percentage of each BCU's budget spent on honoraria, where money is being spent, and the total dollar amount and percentage of funds that are externally directed — that is, returned to the student body through programming, services, or direct benefit.

This report is descriptive. The figures are exact (thank you to Financial Operations) but at this level of analysis, the picture is necessarily rough. A line-by-line review of every physical requisition would be required for greater precision, and would be incredibly time-intensive without a guarantee of yielding meaningfully different conclusions. What is presented here is incomplete but illuminating, and should help guide Senate action as we begin the budget process.

As a starting point, I recommend the Senate's attention to three figures for each BCU: the percentage of budget appropriated to honoraria, the rollover amount carried into the current fiscal year, and the percentage of funds externally returned to students. Taken together, these three numbers offer a concise picture of how much of a given entity's budget pays its own members, how much goes unspent, and how much reaches the students who fund it.

Best regards,

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Appendix 1: The Request

I am writing to formally request an investigation and audit of the finances of Boards, Commissions and Units through the Controls and Compliance Office. The purpose of this request is to review several key areas, primarily how each entity's operating budget is being utilized and the extent and ways in which those expenditures directly benefit the student body.

I respectfully request that a report addressing the following items be delivered to the Senate by Week 1 of Winter Quarter:

1. **The annual operating budget for each Board, Commission and Unit**, including the percentage allocated to honoraria or other funds not directly returning to the student body in tangible services.
2. **A summary of expenditures from the past fiscal year**, accounting for the total use of allocated funds.
3. **An itemized overview of spending on internal purposes**, including but not limited to food, travel, merchandise, conferences and similar internal expenses.
4. **An overall percentage estimate of how much of each annual budget is returned to the student body in a tangible manner**, including items such as school materials, hygiene products, student events, resources, goods that fulfill student needs, or any other items and services accessible to the intended student population.
5. **In terms as concrete as possible, how widely and easily available these services have been made to the student body**. This includes not only availability and services of events but also whether and how entities consider financial requests from other entities, RCOs and individual students.

As you well understand, the effectiveness and reach of services offered by BCUs ranks among the highest priorities shaping the Association's raison d'être. As such, the Senate as its legislative and policy making institution would benefit from a clear and comprehensive picture of the financial structure and functionings of its sister entities.

Appendix 2: The Files

Methodology explained by Paul Siripintu.

In response to: item [1. Honoraria](#)

For the first deliverable, I utilized the published FYE 2026 budget, which is available on the official [AS Budgets website](#). The [rollover amounts](#) for each BCU were provided by Michael Cea, Associate Director of Finance and Budget. Amounts for the rollovers can be found in the "difference" column on the same row as the BCU's account number.

In response to: items [2 & 3. Expenditure by Category](#)

For deliverables two and three, Michael Cea provided a [financial report](#) that lists each BCU's expenses by account categories. I used the amounts found on the "PIVOT (YE) Balances" sheet because it provides a summary of expenditures from the past fiscal year, as requested. What we classified as an internal expense was under our office's subjectivity.

In response to: item [4. Externally \\$ & %](#)

For the last deliverable, I accessed available budgets on the [AS Budgets website](#) to summarize each BCU's budgets spanning three years. The budgets our office was able to report within the timeframe of our audit were 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.