

Rep-Co Budget Meeting Minutes

Attending SGA E-Board:

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Esénia: Hi, my name is Esénia. I'm the SGA President. Thank you to all of you for bringing yourself here. I feel the frustration in this room. I feel it. I feel it too as someone who is a member of many clubs. This is an extremely hard meeting for me to even hold. I can't believe that last semester, the lowest budget given out was \$12, and now nearly half of nearly 108 of the organizations that requested a budget received zero dollars. Today, you will see a breakdown by event. You will look at our top ten most expensive organizations. You will see the situation we are in. It feels really easy to say it is a student's fault. We see everything that you say in regards to us. It is more than okay to be frustrated. If you're not frustrated, I don't know how. I don't think anyone isn't. That is no excuse to lash out or be angry at certain people. I'm not saying this

because being on the SGA Board makes us super visible or receptive. What I mean by that is we are seeing so much stupid information. People are blaming traditions or fencing or just organizations that requested money. You can say and tell everyone that you know how you feel, but it is not based on any evidence or truth. You can be frustrated at the previous SGA boards. You can be angry at every member of repco that voted yes to pass budgets. You can be angry at all of us for not fundraising. You can be angry. That's fine. But what you cannot do is harass us. What you cannot do is pin it on us. I hope you understand that we are all affected by these changes and if we don't change anything about our budgetary process, can you imagine what the first years, who are so excited to be part of SGA, what they're going to be working with as executive members in their senior or junior year? If we keep things the same, things are going to get worse. We are in the worst case scenario now. Today's meeting is not to say you are wrong for feeling frustrated. I'm frustrated. I'm so angry that this is where we are now. I'm sure all of you are too. And so, Jet and Zoe are going to go through every single budget. And you're going to hear them out loud and you can draw the conclusions, but you're going to see how these budgets have been allocated. This is slightly over \$200,000 for all clubs. If you think that things have changed since the pre pandemic time when we were roughly at this same spot and think that organizations were getting more money than they are now, you're right. But there were less organizations before covid, and with the covid surplus, bringing us to a million dollars, there is no way that we can even accept clubs that don't ... organizations or new club proposals that request money because we can't even fund the ones we have now. For the first time in ten years or more, we've had to say no to a bunch of clubs registering because the concept was going to cost money. We already heard from last semester how much trouble people had holding their events. It's not just a matter of a big event. So many cultural organizations need money just for

gen bod meetings. There is no moving forward if we don't brainstorm tonight. It's so easy tonight to go home and say that SGA screwed me over. It's so easy to say that the treasurers did you dirty. If we don't actually get together and do something to address this, whether that's making a collective declaration, or buying snacks, it doesn't matter. There is nothing that we can do, because guess what? Can you imagine what the people in 4 years will be receiving? It's going to be less. Go to your board meetings. Go to your organizations. It's not just on you, it's on us too. It's on the SGA board to fundraise and petition the alum board to allow them to donate. We can petition for that. All of the SGA budgets come from all of you. It doesn't come from anywhere else. Realistically, if you want a consistent and permanent solution, do you know what's gonna have to happen organically? Your dues, SGA dues, which are \$450, are going to increase. Raise your hand right now if you would be fine with paying \$900 or even \$1000 or even more to the SGA. Exactly. None of you. I don't wanna pay that either. No one does. It's a stupid idea. But besides fundraising and donations, how the actual heck are we going to do this? So, again, the basis of this address and the email, is I can't tell you how much I've battled on how to move forward. How I've convened, talked, the treasurers have tried, there is nothing that we can do. It's so easy to just say the SGA can make the money go up. It's not how anything works. It's not. The point of this, too, is it's not anyone's fault. For the love of god, do not walk out here and say "fencing got blahblah". That's literally not what's happening. Fencing takes up 3% of the budget. It's not fencing. It's not traditions. If you have plenary resolutions for how we should change these things, we want them. We are going to have a session after they present these budgets to look that over. For the love of God, it is not anyone's fault, and I beg you to stop. Stop harassing us. Stop, stop, stop. I'm gonna move on to Jet and Zoe's breakdown. I appreciate your time, but again, it's not, there's no way we can move forward if we don't make an immediate

change now, and that change is seriously only up to us. The future of our organizations is only up to us. If we don't change, if SGA doesn't change the way we do budgets, there is nothing we can do before we lose functionally every organization that we have. Thank you.

Jet: Thank you for joining us tonight. Before we get to club contestations, we'd like to address the budget cuts this semester. The amount allocated to your club does NOT determine your club's worth. We simply had to make a lot of tough decisions regarding clubs' requested budgets to get our total allocated SGA fund budget under the amount given to us for the semester. Please bear with us. We're going to give a brief presentation addressing budget cuts from both this past spring and current fall semester, a data insight of the SGA Budget and club registration, and answer a few frequently asked questions.

Zoe: As many of you remember, your budgets were cut last spring. Every club and committee on campus was awarded significantly less in Spring 2025 than what they requested and nearly every club received less than they did during the Fall 2024 semester. The only exceptions to this were the Class Years for certain events, traditions council for our school's traditions, and clubs with significant religious or cultural programs in the spring. But even these clubs had significant cuts due to their requested budget. We could not accommodate that. The reason for this was that we genuinely ran out of funds and allocated the last bit we had left. This semester, in Fall of 2025, the same thing is happening.

Zoe: We're going over some data insight for some historical context. We want to break it down for you so that it is clear for everyone. Bear with me. What is displayed on the screen are currently the budgets so everyone can see. It is every club that we have. Please let me know if I'm going too fast. We're gonna start scrolling.

Esénia: Adler Society requested \$237.04, received \$0.00.

Adoptees Club requested \$48.98, received \$0.00.

Afreen requested \$2,200.00, received \$900.00.

AJOYO requested \$2,081.86, received \$747.00.

Art Club requested \$6,600.00, received \$4,000.00.

Asian New Media Club requested \$95.21, received \$0.00.

Asian Students Association requested \$7,165.50, received \$5,558.00.

Association of International Students requested \$1,642.00, received \$735.00.

BACaSO requested \$7,000.00, received \$2,900.00.

Barre Owls requested \$297.95, received \$0.00.

Bi-Co Catholic Campus Ministry requested \$578.00, received \$100.00.

Bi-Co Flute Choir requested \$1,205.00, received \$625.00.

Bi-Co Gymnastics Club requested \$1,887.00, received \$1,508.00.

BMC Brainstorm: Neuroscience Society requested \$365.98, received \$0.00.

BMC Pediatric Wonders requested \$626.42, received \$0.00.

BMC Research & Opportunities Club requested \$305.00, received \$0.00.

Book Club requested \$147.00, received \$220.50.

Bryn Mawr and Haverford Atidna requested \$125.22, received \$187.83.

Bryn Mawr Argentine Tango Club requested \$250.00, received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr Athletic Alliance requested \$500.00, received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr Baking Club requested \$310.38, received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr Blooms requested \$116.00, received \$174.00.

Bryn Mawr Chabad requested \$7,020.00, received \$6,000.00.

Bryn Mawr Climbing Club requested \$4,100.00, received \$1,604.00.

Bryn Mawr College Consulting Club requested \$150.00, received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr College Democrats requested \$221.87, received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr College Emergency Medical Services requested \$3,930.00, received \$1,400.00.

Bryn Mawr Community Garden did not request a budget.

Bryn Mawr Hillel requested \$7,790.00 and received \$6,835.00.

Bryn Mawr Intramural Soccer requested \$133.00 and received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr Outdoors Club requested \$1,735.00 and received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr Pep Band requested \$1,692.00 and received \$182.00.

Bryn Mawr Quiz Bowl requested \$275.00 and received \$0.00.

Bryn Mawr Renaissance Choir did not request a budget.

Call of Duty Mobile Club did not request a budget.

Campus Greening Representative did not request a budget.

Canterbury House Campus Ministry requested \$165.00 and received \$0.00.

Capoeira Club did not request a budget.

Celebrating All Mixed People requested \$105.00 and received \$0.00.

Cheer Club requested \$1,862.00 and received \$0.00.

Choom Boom requested \$1,542.72 and received \$323.00.

Chords of Glory requested \$405.00 and received \$50.00.

Civic Engagement did not request a budget.

Class of 2026 requested \$13,350.00 and received \$9,140.00.

Class of 2028 requested \$225.00 and received \$0.00.

Committee on Institutional Memory requested \$120.00 and received \$0.00.

Concert Series requested \$45,000.00 and received \$29,000.00.

Conflict Resolution Committee did not request a budget.

Constitutional Review Committee did not request a budget.

Craft Collective requested \$119.81 and received \$45.98.

Dark and Dismal requested \$215.00 and received \$0.00.

Dear Asian Youth @ BMC requested \$333.00 and received \$0.00.

Debate Club did not request a budget.

EAT Club did not request a budget.

Elections Board Committee did not request a budget.

EnAble did not request a budget.

Ethical Spending Committee did not request a budget.

Feminist Coalition requested \$1,900.00, received \$275.00.

Fencing requested \$12,000.00, received \$8,599.00. And before you ask, we asked the athletic association. They said no. Fencing wouldn't exist without us.

Filipino Student Association requested \$1,102.71, received \$837.22.

Film Series requested \$3,060.00, received \$0.00.

Financial Aid Advisory Board did not request a budget.

First Love Club requested \$220.00 and received \$0.00.

Fragrance Appreciation Club requested \$115.00 and received \$0.00.

Gender Inclusion Committee requested \$50.00 and received \$0.00.

Girls Who Code requested \$2,780.00 and received \$180.00.

Gluten Free Club requested \$150.00 and received \$0.00.

Green Ambassadors Council did not request a budget.

Harvest Christian Fellowship requested 1,162.57 and received \$246.00.

HaverRitmo Dance Team did not request a budget.

Health Center Advisory Board requested \$2,125.00 and received \$200.00.

Hear Me Out requested \$45.00 and received \$0.00.

Hospice Volunteering Club requested \$420.00 and received \$0.00.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Club requested \$360.00 and received \$0.00.

Japanese Students Association requested \$180.00 and received \$45.00.

Judo Club requested \$1,275.00 and received \$800.00.

Kala did not request a budget.

Karibu Circle requested \$415.00 and received \$0.00.

Knitting and Crochet Club requested \$260.00 and received \$0.00.

Korean Student Association requested \$1,612.78 and received \$504.95.

Lame Ducks Hockey did not request a budget.

Lavender's Blue requested \$890.00 and received \$0.00.

Looney Tunes requested \$410.00 and received \$0.00.

Mawr Miles Run Club requested \$730.00 and received \$0.00.

Mawrters for Immigrant Justice requested \$125.45 and received \$0.00.

Maximum Whimsy requested \$90.00 and received \$0.00.

Mayuri requested \$1,570.00 and received \$735.00.

Mei Bi-Co Chinese Dance Club did not request a budget.

Miniworld did not request a budget.

Mock Trial requested \$3,238.00 and received \$1,100.00.

Mujeres requested \$7,138.00 and received \$3,832.00.

Muslim Student Association requested \$14,570.00 and received \$9,100.00.

Night Owls requested \$725.53 and received \$115.53.

Nimbus Magazine requested \$1,910.00 and received \$1,000.00.

No Need For Silence requested \$224.00 and received \$0.00.

Noise Complaint did not request a budget.

Outreach and Communications Committee did not request a budget.

Overbrook Art Program did not request a budget.

Owl Ambassadors Club did not request a budget.

Owl Investment Group requested \$610.00 and received \$0.00.

Owl Programming Board did not request a budget.

Plenary Committee requested \$235.00 and received \$75.00.

Poker Club requested \$270.00 and received \$0.00.

Pole Dancing Club did not request a budget.

Pre-Health Society did not request a budget.

Pre-Law Society requested \$340.00 and received \$0.00.

PULSO Latino Dance Troupe requested \$1,400.00 and received \$150.00.

Residence Council did not request a budget.

Residential Life & Student Engagement automatically receives \$24,000.00.

Rhythm N Motion Dance Company did not request a budget.

Rince na Mawr did not request a budget.

Russian Club did not request a budget.

S.TEAM Committee requested \$845.00 and received \$150.00.

Scottish Country Dance requested \$2,825.00 and received \$425.00.

Self-Governance Association requested \$400.00 and received \$400.00

Service Club requested \$1,000.00 and received \$250.00.

Seven Siblings Committee did not request a budget.

Shakespeare Performance Troupe requested \$4,441.00 and received \$1,619.00.

Sisterhood* requested \$2,000.00 and received \$0.00.

Ski and Snowboarding Club requested \$9,204.60 and received \$0.00 (seasonal club).

Sneetch Ultimate Frisbee did not request a budget.

Social Committee did not request a budget.

Social Justice Taskforce Council requested \$1,350.00 and received \$1,341.51.

Society of Physics Students requested \$745.00 and received \$50.00.

South Asian Society requested \$13,150.00 and received \$5,450.00.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee requested \$5,350.00 and received \$1,900.00.

Student Curriculum Committee did not request a budget.

Student Finance Committee received \$1,200.00.

Students for Disability Justice Committee did not request a budget.

Substack Club requested \$90.00 and received \$0.00.

Sunrise Bryn Mawr requested \$185.00 and received \$50.00.

Swim Club did not request a budget.

Swing Dance Club requested \$200.00 and received \$0.00.

Taekwondo Club requested \$570.00 and received \$0.00.

Tea Club requested \$149.64 and received \$0.00.

The Acabellas requested \$250.00 and received \$0.00.

The Anime Club requested \$900.94 and received \$0.00.

The Bi-College News did not request a budget.

The Bryn Mawr Pagans Alliance requested \$460.97 and received \$0.00.

The Extreme Keys requested \$299.00 and received \$49.00.

The First Page: Tri-Co Creative Writing Club requested \$604.50 and received \$0.00.

The Hypotheticals and Company requested \$500.00 and received \$150.00.

The Lighted Fools requested \$250.00 and received \$130.00.

The Middle Eastern & North African Students' Association requested \$996.88 and received 334.94.

The Pickleball Club requested \$150.00 and received \$0.00.

Traditions Council requested \$110,585.00 and received \$82,788.75.

Trail Running Club requested \$604.80 and received \$0.00.

Tri-Co Law Review did not request a budget.

Tri-Co Predental Society did not request a budget.

Vietnamese Students Association requested \$7,450.00 and received \$2,445.00.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance requested \$36.00 and received \$0.00.

WHRC College Radio did not request a budget.

Young Feminist Party requested \$50.00, received \$75.00.

ZAMI+ requested \$398.94, received \$118.96.

The Remedial Fund costs \$10,000.00. The Reslife Fund, because that comes out to SGA too, cost \$24,000.00. The total amount requested was \$353,187.030, the amount allocated was \$232,299.84.

Zoe: Thank you for reading that Esénia. We are going to go through a historical ten year period for the SGA budget. This graph, shown by Leilani last year, was edited to include a visual of how the Fall 2025 allocated budget looks this semester so far. You can see comparative data from the SGA Budget spanning ten years, from 2015 to 2025. We can see that the general total budget used to be around \$600,000. Notice the Fall 2025 approved budgets amount is the lowest Fall has been since Fall 2022. The amount we allocated for clubs last year, during the '24-'25 school year, was over \$700,000, so this year, we are left with the ramifications of overspending from the Spring 2023 to Spring 2025 semesters.

Zoe: Our growth from 2020 through 2024 was unsustainable. During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the total allocated budget was nearly one million dollars. The 2024-2025 budget *started* to reflect the pre-pandemic budget, which was good. However, we hadn't arrived there yet, and this semester we had no choice

but to budget similar to pre-pandemic times as a result, but taking into account 30 extra organizations and, as most of you probably realize, Grand May Day around the corner. We now will go over spring 2025 budgets. So this is a breakdown of last spring. In summary, the total amount requested in Spring 2025 was \$692,150.04. The total amount of income from SGA dues in Spring 2025 was \$280,000.00. The total amount remaining in the SGA account from dues and COVID surplus was \$404,332.16. The total amount budgeted for Spring 2025 was \$404,332.16. That budget includes the \$15k remedial fund.

Zoe: Now we go into Fall 2025 budgets.

Zoe: Traditions and campus-wide events take up most of the SGA Budget, and all clubs, organizations, and committees have to share what is left. However, that does not mean Traditions and the Senior class did not have cuts to their budgets as well. Film Series was cut to \$0, Concert Series was cut by a quarter, and nearly half of our clubs and committees received \$0. Even with these cuts, clubs that *did* receive funding, including our AMOs, received significantly less funding.

Zoe: And then, many of you will also see that Traditions took up a larger portion of budgets this semester than in previous years. This is because usually we split the Traditions budget 50-50 between Fall and Spring semesters, but this year we chose to do a 75-25 percent split. The reasoning behind this is that when

budgeting for clubs, we did our best to be cognizant of Grand May Day expenditures.

Zoe: In summary, the money we cut from our largest events allowed clubs to have more funding. Traditions requested \$110,585.00, with \$1,695 for parade night and \$108,890 for Lantern Night. We approved a budget of \$82,788.75, with Parade Night staying at \$1,695 and Lantern Night decreasing to \$81,093.75. The budget was cut by 25.1%. The class of 2026 requested \$13,350.00 and received \$9,140.00 with a budget cut by 31.5%. Concert Series requested \$45,000.00 and we approved \$29,000. Their budget was cut by 35.6%.

Zoe: In summary, the total amount requested for Fall 2025 was \$353,187.03. The total amount of income from SGA dues in Fall 2025 was \$259,572.90. The total amount remaining in the SGA account, including a cushion for next spring, is \$232,800.00. The total amount budgeted for Fall 2025 was \$232,299.84, including \$10k for the remedial fund. Since our SGA account on Engage has a balance of \$232,800.00, and we budgeted for \$232,299.84, that means we do luckily have the privilege to grant only \$500 in additional funds than what was allocated to clubs already.

Jet: So, what does this information mean for tonight? We really need to shift our expectations moving forward. We cannot continue to fund 110 clubs. Shift expectations for future budgets moving forward. Because of the year we budgeted

for \$959,868.18, we no longer have a surplus in the SGA account, and now the only deposit comes from student dues, roughly ~\$280,000 per semester. As a student body, we need to think about how to better financially support cultural events, religious events, seasonal events, and more events that support student well-being. These events should not have to compete against Traditions and Senior Class events for funding! We should be able to hold all these events without straining our SGA budget!

Jet: And what does this mean for tonight? We will probably have contestations tonight. Rules for contestations tonight! You cannot contest if you were not approved for a budget at all. Vote between 2 options: Option 1: For clubs that received \$0, you may contest for up to \$20 maximum, until the \$500 pool is depleted. Option 2: For clubs that received \$0, each one is automatically allocated \$10 from the \$500 pool that's left. The extra \$20 will go straight to the remedial fund. Reminder: keep in mind next semester has larger costs, including GRAND MAY DAY!

Jet: We encourage clubs to start looking for grants. We have a few ideas to help with club budgeting in the future. We plan to petition the alumnae association and admissions to allow alumni to donate directly to the SGA account the same way they can set donations towards athletic departments and academic departments. We also encourage clubs to work with the Impact Center and the President's

Office to see what can be done about increasing funding for cultural and religious holidays so students are not solely reliant on SGA funding.

Jet: We encourage clubs to start looking into financial support through grants!

Here, we have links to two types of grants offered by the school that certain clubs may be eligible for.

Esénia: The executive board is also applying for that grant. We are doing the same thing. I'm looking for local scholarships about community engagement. I encourage everyone to do the same. Everyone. Thank you.

Jet: We know these options are not available for every club, so we ask that clubs collaborate more often. In addition, we hope we can encourage clubs with similar interests to consider combining into one club. We would prefer clubs buy items that last long term to save money in the long run, but I'm sure many of you noticed we had to cut these kinds of budget requests too. We will always do our best to prioritize reusable items, but that does not guarantee you funding for those items. The first preliminary rounds of cuts were food related items or deleted items that lacked specificity in line item descriptions because we couldn't tell what you were trying to buy. Moving forward, please be very specific for budget proposals. Later on, if we see purchases that do not match your event activities, we may deny that reimbursement request. Finally, we plan to hold open office hours where we can answer more questions and you can ask for help on how to

strategically plan moving forward for re-arranging your budgets. And any questions you may have. We don't know when those (office hours) will be.

Zoe: For example, the traditions gave us a quantity of 1 glove for \$450. We reserve the right to cut it completely, we won't do that for that one, but in the future, give us the breakdown. Some of you put in parentheses that this is our most important thing we can't function without. Be specific.

Zoe: This is the FAQ. Feel free to ask questions.

Rai: I want to respect everyone in this room and all of the frustrations going on right now. As one of the clubs that didn't get no money in the new budget, reading the budget historical review, I wanted to say thank you for all the hard work you're doing. I want to understand who I should go to to actually ask these questions. I truly do respect the fencing club. I respect its members. I respect the fact that it does need funding. It's been here for so long. It's a very longstanding club. My question is who decided that it should be part of the academic club budget and not the athletic one? Who do I go to to change that? It is a sport. Fencing is a sport. It's a physical exertion.

(Fencing club member): I'm a member of the fencing club, I support this 100%.

Rai: I know a lot of people are frustrated. It's not your guy's fault. I just want to know who is in charge of that. This club doesn't follow the criteria.

Esénia: Thank you Rai, that's amazing. We share that frustration as well. The fencing organization is not demanding for us to fund them. The fencing club has gone to the athletic department time and time again. The department has forced us to hold it for it to exist. That is the plain truth. Something I was gonna encourage anyway, is, I want everyone, and I already emailed President Cadge this afternoon, I need everyone to actually step in and say something, because we have been ignored. If no one does anything, we feel isolated. We feel abandoned. So please, I welcome you. I welcome you. It's okay to be frustrated because we are frustrated. We are so angry. There is nothing we can do. We can't say bye to fencing. That's not how that works. Email Dean Tomiko. Otherwise, I think that there's nothing. We are 8 students total. We cannot make money appear. We cannot ask you guys to pay more. We're not going to ask you to pay more. I'm a FGLI student. I'm not doing that. I'm not going to. Please communicate. Thank you Rai. Alright, um, next.

Liza: I was curious about why and what was the thought process behind, you said it yourself, we're in a time of crisis, what is going into our time and priorities when requesting clubs. DEI clubs are being significantly cut if not fully defunded, why are we making priority for fun clubs in this time of crisis?

Zoe: Yes, thank you for your question. So, it's come down to a lot of factors in snack, foods we've had to trim. Most of the cuts come from food expenses. I've met with club members and club heads. Many of them have said yes, that works for me. The specific little details, just in fairness to the clubs here, I won't go into detail about specific budgets. If you have specific examples, we can reach out to you, and we will, and ask "does \$12 work for you". We went through a preliminary round and got rid of snacks. So we cut those, then we went through another round, then another round. The final round was coming down to taking off like ... There was a lot of nitpicky, fine-tuned stuff in there. We realize that AMOs and stuff we did have to trim, but those are still the highest priority of our budget. It was out of our hands at the very end. If you want more of a specific budget breakdown or your club, you're welcome to come ask us, but we can't go into other clubs.

Liza: What about the STEAM Committee that lost thousands of dollars that went from thousands to 150? What kind of cuts would have been made if we're not making frivolous cuts? STEAM is funding all outside of class activities.

Zoe: Yes, I see your point. A lot of those, what we did, we had insider views on each of the budgets, some of them requested for food. It came down to seeing if they were receiving funding from other places like the Impact Center, and it was a crunch. If you are part of STEAM, you're welcome to come up and talk to us.

Naveah: Going off what the person who just spoke was saying, what goes into the thought process, I love all the clubs, I'm only gonna say specific clubs because you just referenced it, in what way does Art Club get \$4000 but 48 clubs get zero? What is going into that decision? It's not food, like what you're saying. Is it not a thought to divide those \$4000 among 48 clubs? I love art club, I'm not saying they [don't] deserve \$6000. It's not like fencing or something like an example, I'm just asking. What's the reasoning behind that?

Zoe: I think we want to reiterate, whatever you're getting or your clubs, it's not personal, we're taking into account the bigger picture. At the moment, I wish I had an algorithm to give you that I was using to do that. I am a math major. I'm trying to create an algorithm to give you those answers. But these algorithms are very objective, we're trying to do that as best as we can, but we are not algorithms. When it comes down to doing last minute cuts, it becomes very difficult, and unfortunately, I cannot give you the exact answer you want at the moment. We can talk to you afterwards about that if you'd like.

Bea: If art club has this amount of money, even if they got cut by another amount of money, they'd still be able to run certain things. Hospice can't run on zero dollars, art club still can. How come that, you know, like other clubs that aren't just food related, how do we even go to run our club if we have zero dollars?

Jet: Unfortunately, we don't have a direct answer for you and you are welcome to come to us afterwards, but in one of our rounds we looked at what we had allocated less than \$200. We just cut them because we needed that extra \$3000. We cut clubs with more funding after that as well. We figured just making these decisions that even for amounts like that, there are amounts that can be reached through fundraising or other types of grants. And that was just one decision we made to get ourselves under the budget that we had.

Zoe: None of the cuts meant we gave \$50 to the clubs. Whatever we cut, it just had to go.

Esénia: We're only going to take about three more questions. We cannot answer specific questions about your budget, unless you come to us afterwards

Amelia: I'm president of the cheer club. Did you, you just said that anyone was under \$200, you just dropped down to zero?

Zoe: That was after rounds of cuts.

Amelia: So, sorry, I'm trying to form my question. I'm just trying to understand how that's like, I don't wanna say fair, that makes me sound like a toddler. The \$200 would've, like, made it so my club can still run and we don't have to ask each of our members to pay us money. I'm just trying to understand why we cut,

why did we cut ... I guess it's the same question as why did we cut some clubs down to 0 when some of them got so much for items they can still run the club without?

Zoe: To that point, unfortunately, we just have to go off of what we have told you. We don't have as much context at the moment. You're welcome to come up and ask.

Sophie: Could you go back to slide 10? The one with big numbers in summary for 2025. How do we get from \$259,000 to \$232,000?

Zoe: Most of you probably had that question. We're including a \$15,000 cushion for next spring. \$15,000 cushion. We're working with Student Engagement with ResLife fund, we also believe it came out of the ... roughly it breaks down.

Sophie: Is the ResLife fund like HAs, CPs, all that?

Jet: It has CPs, stuff like that, and any party damages. I think it's also why whenever someone damages their room you don't get charged.

Sophie: Why is that through SGA?

Esénia: We're getting this solved really soon. The SGA and ResLife are getting divided. Reslife will not be combined, cause that's just fucking ridiculous. Let's just fucking say it.

Zoe: We are trying to get that done for you all. We're gonna go into some more general FAQs.

Esénia: We wanna make sure we keep moving on.

Zoe: This is kind of a downer. Stop emailing us. Stop sending emails to our personal emails. You're welcome to email us, but please use the SGA Treasurer email. We will not be able to answer personal emails in a timely manner. If you're sending us more emails, you might be the last of 20 emails that we get to. The SGA Treasurer email is the point of contact. I have set those as my top priority emails.

Jet: It is our top priority, and we will make sure to answer your SGA Treasurer emails as fast as we can, but we are also students, we want to remind you of that as well.

Zoe: These are word heavy, but let's go into them. How can I receive more money through SGA? All clubs/orgs are able to re-allocate their budget between events using the budget reallocation form most likely on Engage. We don't have

specific details yet, but there will be a way to do that. There will be a way to request funds. There will be an option to re-allocate funds from certain line items to another. It is very important you do this to suit your club needs because SFC will *not* accept any purchase requests that do not match with the line items they're associated with. We will also have Mid-Semester Review October 20 - 24.

Fundraising is also an option that can be coordinated with Student Engagement. If you have questions about logistics or laws, ask. You may *not* request more money from the SGA fund before Mid-Semester Review. You're welcome to think months in advance about it, but you can't request anything before mid semester review. And no clubs will be guaranteed funding before Mid-Semester Review. All clubs should have equal access and opportunity to these funds. Can I be promised funding for Mid-Semester Review? No. All clubs/orgs should have an equal opportunity to request for more money.

Jet: So, we're currently in the process of finalizing our SFC roster. You will receive an introduction email from your SFC Representative on Sept 27th. From this day on, please reach out to your assigned SFC Rep for any questions about reimbursements and the reimbursement process (and cc sgatreasurer@bmc) so we can also stay in touch with this.

Jet: What are the rules for requesting money next semester if I got \$0 this semester? How does the 50% increase policy apply? The 50% increase policy will still apply but it will not be based on the \$0 approved budget. Instead, the increase

will be applied to the amount of funding your club was approved for the most previous semester you received funding. We plan to add this clause on the increase scheme to Plenary. So what we've decided and what we plan on putting in plenary so this is clear putting forward, the 50% policy will still apply, but this will be an increase in your budget.

Jet: Mid-Semester Review will open October 20th at Monday, 9am and close October 24th at Friday, 5pm. There will be two options available: to request for more funding, and to return unnecessary funds. We are also implementing a strict semester-end budget deadline. All reimbursements submitted after December 14th at 5pm will not be accepted. This ensures that all club heads and SFC Reps can get a clean break going into the winter. If you have any questions, please come speak to us after the meeting.

Jet: And contestations. We want to ensure this meeting moves along, so we will quickly explain the rules for club contestations once again. More specific rules. We will be holding a vote for the two options we described earlier. If we go through with contestations, let us remind you that contestations are only available to clubs that received \$0 and that did not receive \$0 due to not meeting our requirements that we have said earlier. This is the case for 48 clubs. Each of these clubs can ask for a max of \$20, and we only have a total of \$500 to give out. Clubs that come up to contest will have 45 seconds, timed, to present their case. Three max questions can be asked from members of the audience. If Rep-Co

votes yes overall, then you may come up and tell us where you would like the funds to be allocated so we can note this down. We will note it down and allocate all the awarded funding through Engage tomorrow. We have to work with Student Engagement on that. Or we can give each of you \$10. Any funds that do not get awarded to clubs tonight will be put into our remedial fund.

Esénia: So, as you can probably do the math in your head, there's \$500 to dispute. That means half of the people that already don't have money, so 24, some wouldn't receive any money and some would receive 20. There is no way to choose these organisations without this literally being a humiliation ritual. That's not what we wanna do. So, we came up with the most equitable option that we have right now, which is between all 48 organizations, each one of them that completed the budget attendance requirement, so they attended the budget workshops, those ones that received 0 dollars can receive at least 10 dollars right now. So we can choose from those two options. Motion for every organization that received 0 dollars to receive 10 dollars, does someone second that motion?

Addison: I'm Addison from trail running club. I second the motion.

Esénia: Motion passed, every organization that received 0 dollars received 10.

??: Is there a way to opt out of that 10 and redistribute?

Esénia: Is there any organization that wants to opt out? What we all just passed was a motion so that every organization gets \$10.

Amelia: Did we just pass that? How does that work?

Esénia: yes. So, three organizations, The First Page, I'm gonna go through this way. What they're doing right now if you're opting out of the 10 dollars, that means there would be more money to be added to the pool for those organizations who received zero.

Lee Cheesman, Jules Chapin-Tsai: Adoptees and Tango, Barre Owls, Pre-Law Society, Celebrating all Mixed People, Class of 28.

Esénia: Are you both in the class of 28?

Sophia and Mirabai: Yes.

Bea: If you take the ten dollars, how does that affect the 50% for next semester?

Esénia and Zoe: It won't.

Zoe: You would use the budget for whenever you last got approved. So this is just for right now.

Naveah: Baking club can be added to that. I have two questions. One of them is a question about moving forward. Will clubs that got 0 be prioritized for the mid semester review?

Zoe: We're gonna have to keep it equal for all clubs.

Naveah: But it's not equal for all clubs. Half of us are at a zero level playing field.

Amelia: It doesn't make sense.

Zoe: I'm sorry, you've caught me flat footed at the moment. We have not started thinking that much specifically about that comment. At the moment, I know a lot of you are frustrated about the larger club amounts, right now I'm going to say that if you can make deals with them or talk to them yourself, if you want to request Art Club give you money, you can talk to a club.

Naveah: No, no, no. I don't want that.

Zoe: I know, I'm just saying if you want that money, you can go to that club and talk to them and say "hey we want you to give us money", you're welcome to do that.

Naveah: You talked earlier about ideas moving forward. I think to have us go to club training for 8 hours on a Saturday, go to budget meetings, and attend all these things just to get zero dollars, unless you spend your own money is very disrespectful. I know it's not you, but it took so much time, and we had 100 freshmen sign up for our club at Fall Frolic. We all wasted our time. We have to break the news to 120 freshmen. If that could've been saved, and we couldn't have been at fall frolic, the training, it would've been a lot better.

Zoe: We understand the frustration there. Our policy has always been at Fall Frolic, you aren't guaranteed a reimbursement for what you spent at fall frolic. So, we do also say that it's not guaranteed really. I appreciate you guys trying to create the hype, but we can't promise that what you say will go through..

Esénia: We understand that budget workshops were scheduled during thesis seminars. These requirements are also not things that we are able to say you don't have to participate in. These are Student Engagement's requirements. The leadership owls thing was not our idea. That's not us. The purpose of the budget workshops at this time on the Engage platform, Engage is really annoying to use. We understand a lot of upcoming sophomores that haven't been in a leadership position before. Yes?

Crystal: It's for the mid-semester, clubs can apply for more funding. I think 'cause you said you weren't thinking about next semester, if we apply for more funding mid semester, would we, as clubs who have no funding, get prioritized?

Zoe: Okay, thank you for the clarification. We have to think about that one as well, but we will let you know about that.

Esénia: But we will seriously push for that to be the case. 50% of the organizations received zero dollars.

Zoe: To that point, the clubs that we gave so and so amount to, we are assuming that you will scrape by with that amount of money.

Esénia: We also want to point out that within those organizations that received \$0, some of those were AMOs. MIJ received zero dollars. Bryn Mawr Athletic Alliance. I don't know what to do. This is what we're going to push for. Thank you so much for your questions.

Liza: On that similar note, if a lot of these organizations that were made and signed for student protection, if they are no longer able to operate to their fullest extent, how do we as the SGA continue to protect them? Almost all of the student advocacy groups are student run. Without the

funding for that, how can we not just maintain the precedent we want to have, how can we continue to improve our school?

Esénia: Exactly, and you asked the question that we are asking, because right now, we cannot do that with the money we have right now.

Liza: If not with the money, then what other things, what can SGA organize, not even an event that costs money. What can SGA do to help our student body?

Esénia: I appreciate your questions and we are working on that. I think a lot of people get lost in the SGA unless we demand a meeting with President Cadge and Dean Tomiko. There is only so much that we can do that the admin won't say fuck you to. I genuinely am asking you everyone in this room, every single person in this room, needs to fundraise. I understand that many of the students don't have the alum association. If you have an alum, email, petition, this is not empty stuff that we're saying, this is not something that we can't do on our own. We just figured out these budgets two days ago.

Liza: That didn't answer my question. I'm not asking about the budget, I'm asking about how can we maintain our not things that cost money? Maybe it's an email, what kind of meetings can we have to make sure we stay on top of DEI? I'm not asking about money. I'm asking about student action and how we can organize that. You guys are SGA. You're our representatives. You guys have the most power and ability to coordinate. Do you have any plans on how to organize

us in this time of crisis assuming we have no more funding? How do you want to try to best to maintain our moral standing and ethical standing as an institution?

Esénia: Absolutely, I just want to say that, literally, it is really hard to get people interested in the SGA or get people to come to these meetings in general, when we already struggle to get people to come out to our forums. We generally struggle to get people to even care about the SGA, It's really hard to ask us these things, although these are important questions, this demands a lot on everybody else. Yes we can recognize, I can ask you to come to a fundraiser. This is something we all need to do together. I'm so sorry I don't have answers to questions right now. What I want to do is say that we are meeting tomorrow. As a student body, yes, the SGA board is going to fundraise, and I know you mentioned that it's not about the budget, but I genuinely really wonder how we can do this alone or be expected and of course I know you guys say we have the power, I would like you to sit in a meeting with us and you tell us if we have the power. You tell us if you have the power.

Numerous people want to come sit in on the meeting.

Esénia: We are eight people. We do not represent all of you guys. We don't really truly represent all of you guys. When that meeting happens, it will be a public meeting.

Dean Rocco: May I? Thank you. Good evening everyone. My name is Dean Rocco. Denine Rocco. I want to thank Esénia and the SGA E-Board for inviting me. I am very very new to Bryn Mawr, like two weeks in. I am learning a lot, especially this evening, and I just wanted to say

that I will be working collectively to solve the pickle that you are in, and working with SGA. I mean, you can hear your madam president's frustration. I'll pretend I didn't. But they will amplify your pieces and they are volunteers and elected folks. I didn't hear everything you said because of the echo, but we need to do it together. There are things we need to clean up on aisle nine. We're gonna do that. It's going to take some time, it won't happen overnight, I can't even promise you it can happen in a year, but in the very few meetings I've had with these folk right here, they are committed to fixing a problem that they have inherited. When I tell you I've observed their blood, sweat, and tears, I'm not telling a tale. I would imagine if you would switch places with them, you would feel the same. I just wanna say thanks to all of them. Thanks to all of you because some of your questions were very astute, very poignant, really, in terms of figuring out how we as a collective will solve this, and I'm putting myself in that we do as much as you allow me to be there. Sorry to take the mic, but I did want to say hello so you all can put a name and face together. Madame President, thank you.

Maia: This is for the resolution that we passed. Can we vote on that? It is required to do a hand counted vote. If it references the common treasury of the laws, it has to be a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Esénia: Okay, we can do that!

??: Can we know what the money is being divided to? Can we see that?

Esénia: Can we look at the clubs of all 48 organizations that did not receive any money? Do you want to see the names?

?: Can we see the names?

Zoe: I'm gonna just keep it this way if that's alright.

Esénia: Would it be helpful if I read them out again? No? Ok. Yes? Adler Society, Adoptees Club, oh sorry Adoptees is opting out, Asian New Media club, Brainstorm Neuroscience Society, Pediatric Wonders, Resource Opportunities Club, Tango opted out, Baking Club opted out, The Consulting Club, Intramural Soccer, Camp, Cheer Club, DAY, Films Series, ... Gluten Free club, Gender Inclusion Committee, Intervarsity ..., Cheer Club, Class of 28 opted out, Dear ... Fragrance Appreciation Club, Hear Me Out ... volunteering club ... Lavenders Blue, Looney Tunes, ...

Maddie: Knitting and Crochet Club is also opting out. Also, ANM, substack, and fragrance.

Esénia: One more question, go ahead?

?: Can you make this file public?

Esénia: Of course. Wait, no. No, this cannot be public. Thank you.

Crystal: Is there a way everyone can see the budget breakdown? It would be nice to see where our dues are going. The website isn't updated. Like a breakdown. Traditions are getting this and

this. Like a pie chart. What Bryn Mawr does for theirs because we don't know where our money is going.

Zoe: Last semester's pie chart too? Or?

Crystal: It would be nice to see where our dues are going.

Zoe: Moving forward we'll make it available as well.

Liza: Why can't we access that spreadsheet?

Zoe: There are a couple more details we're working out.

Liza: So this will be available to us?

Zoe: Maybe years down the road.

Amelia: You could copy that sheet and make it available.

Zoe: If everyone is comfortable? We can make it publicly available.

Esénia: Raise your hand if you are RepCo. Raise the amount of people you are representing or committees. This is for RepCo.

?: If we're not RepCo, can we leave, is the rest of the meeting over?

Esénia: We still-

Amelia: We still have to do contestations.

Esénia: If we pass this vote, a reminder, this vote is to make all of the organizations that received zero dollars receive \$10 from a pool of money. Yes it's done, yes it's over you can leave. The question is ... Maia, do you wanna go ahead again?

Maia: We also need to vote to approve the budget.

Esénia: There's a whole lot going on. This is a whole lot. I'm not gonna lie, I'm super stressed out. First, we're going to run a vote to approve all of the budgets now. Only RepCo is going to vote. As they are now, I mean excluding what we just did for the zero dollars ten dollars thing. We're just gonna approve everything else, then we're going to do another vote for contestations. We're going to vote if you want to do all the organizations.

Yeseo: To clarify, you are RepCo if you are here for a proxy, AMO, Dorm Presidents, Heads of Committees and Councils at large.

Zoe: Slight change to contestations, this is a good change. The Haverford Treasurers are here with us.

Ben PF: I'm Ben and this is Sophia. We've been sitting here for the last hour and a half.

Sophia: We're sorry this is happening to you.

Ben: We don't have an infinite budget. We have enough of a cushion that we can give you guys \$3,000 to support you this semester.

Zoe: Thank you treasurers. The \$3,000 is only for clubs who got zero dollars.

Esénia: Do any organizations that opted out want to opt back in? First Page, Pickleball, Pre-Law Society, Knitting and Crochet Club, Tango... We're gonna do this. We can vote to do traditional contestations. Please hear me out. We can do contestations, we cannot define the number, I think it would be easier for everyone if we split the now \$4000 pool among all the organizations which is \$83 for every organization that received zero.

Sophie: Is there anything about organizations that did get a budget and didn't get money?

Esénia: Can you give us five minutes to make the calculations? We want to make sure this is equitable.

Esénia: We have to stop taking budgets and take the RepCo vote.

Zoe: If we broke it down evenly by the clubs with zero dollars, each club would get \$72.92

Esénia: Now, we're going to break it down by contestations. In the meantime, we are going to ... So, your position, your one proxy position representing one committee or one anything is one anything. If you told us you are proxying for another committee, that's two votes. As a reminder, only multicultural organizations or representatives to the Board of Trustees, they don't have a committee, they're just committees, those are RepCo. I'm gonna run a motion on passing the budgets. Zoe, pass back to the budgets that already exist. We're gonna look at the budgets that aren't zero dollars. To make things fair, what we're going to do for contestations, is only going to be for the organizations that received zero dollars.

??: Baking club wants to opt back in.

Esénia: All of the organizations that received money this round, like before today. Raise your hand with the fingers representing how much you're doing, if you vote to pass the existing budget. This is not including the zero dollars. We're talking about everything else.

Vote occurs.

Passes. One last thing to do. Oh my god, I'm so confused. Ugh. Ok. Vote to abstain? We're going to do yes, abstain, or no. Now vote again if you abstain.

Vote occurs.

Alright. Raise your hand if you vote no. Not to pass the budgets that were already here before.

Vote occurs.

Okay. now it officially passes because we hit quorum on the yes. So that's good. The next thing we're going to do is figure out contestations, the exact numbers, so please bear with us.

Sophie: This is very specific. I'm here representing Pickleball and Craft Collective. We were very grateful to get any budget, if that was divided, clubs would get \$75. For us who got \$45, we would appreciate the opportunity to get the money. I was just wondering if budgets could be included below 75. If people don't agree.

Amelia: I mean, I feel like since that would make sense except for the under 200 we're just cutting thing. Because of that algorithm, if you only got 50 dollars, that's what you could survive on.

Sophie: Craft Collective was operating on a hundreds of dollar budget.

People begin talking over each other.

Esénia: Whoa, guys.

Sophie: You can look through the list. I know keys got \$50? It would only be like one or two clubs, that's why I was asking.

Esénia: Alright, so now we have fixed the definition of what is allowed. \$0-\$72 dollars can participate in the contestations. It's any organization that received \$0-\$72 dollars. You can only get up to \$72 dollars. I'll state that again. It's from \$0 to \$72 dollars. You can only contest up to \$72 dollars.

Crystal: So now are we not just splitting evenly, or we have to contest?

Zoe: No, you don't have to contest if you don't want to.

Crystal: Is it now that everyone must contest?

Zoe: If you got \$42 dollars already-

Amelia: I think what she's asking is take the \$500, \$10 per club, and then we were gonna vote on doing contestations up to \$20 dollars. For the \$3,500 are we just splitting that to each club or are we not contesting up to \$72? If we're only contesting up to \$72, why don't we just split it?

Esénia: Everyone would receive \$72. It's not contestations.

Maia: I just wanted, I'm sorry, I wanna confirm the rate to approve the budget was over $\frac{2}{3}$...

Esénia: Yes.

Parker: I'm the head of the plenary committee. I got \$75. Because I'm 3 dollars over, does that mean I'm not eligible to get money?

Zoe: We have to be strict.

Esénia: Now we have to be strict, the money we can split is at \$72, so we have to keep it at \$72.

Parker: I'm just saying that plenary is one of the most important institutions. Just ten extra dollars would go far for everyone getting what they want. That's a little bit of a sore cut off.

Zoe: For now, we have to keep it. I'm sorry. We have to cap it at the \$72.

Esénia: I also want to say that the SGA budget also goes toward plenary. The \$400 you saw will also go toward plenary. Thank you. Alright um, question.

Natalie: I am the Head of Green Ambassadors and Conflict Resolutions. I was wondering if maybe if there was a thing for people under \$72 dollars getting up to that amount, could we calculate that everyone ... say someone has \$50 dollars, and add to that gets \$75 dollars... sorry.

Split it so that everyone will receive equal amounts, including what would be a small amount for clubs that would only have \$50. Instead of giving them \$72, what would be less?

Zoe: That's a good idea. We're gonna look at the numbers. Give us a moment to do the math.

Crystal: I have one last question. Some clubs are able to operate without a budget. They probably didn't come to this meeting. If they didn't need the money, how would that work? They don't care enough to contest money, and they can operate without it, they're not here...

Esénia: That's an assumption to make. I don't wanna make that assumption. The organizations that aren't here are fine with their budget, so they aren't here. We don't wanna put the budgets up for grabs. They have the numbers so we will continue.

Jet: Yeah, so, if we included all clubs under \$72 we calculated it would be all clubs under \$64.80, so we can get you up to \$64.80.

Amelia: Would all clubs budgets be bumped to \$64 dollars?

Zoe: Yes, bumped.

Amelia: We're voting either for that or to do contestations at some amount?

Esénia: Here is the decision for you guys to make. We can either vote and all organizations get up to 64 dollars-

Zoe: It would be \$64.81 for all clubs starting at Chords of Glory that got \$50 or less, or \$72 for zero dollar clubs, or contestations.

Esénia: The contestation number will be up to \$72 dollars for anyone under \$72.

Maia: Obviously, this is up for a RepCo vote, so if people don't want it that's fine. I'm wondering if people would feel better if we waited to vote on the contestations when we can think about this more. I think everyone is feeling tired? Could we vote?

Maia repeats themselves because the audience could not hear them well.

Maia: Hi, I'm Maia. I'm the Head of the Constitution Review Committee and BOT representative. I'd like to put forth the motion to resume this another night when we have more time to think about this. Other clubs can opt back into getting more money.

Esénia: Can someone second that? Okay, awesome. We will resume the contestations conversation for now.

Maia: That goes back to the treasurers, how they think it would be best to divide it up.

Zoe: If we're good with that, that everyone needs more time, we can table the matter for another time. We would then have to decide on a day to reconvene. Maybe Sunday.

Crystal: Can we do it earlier? Because some clubs need to, like, buy things.

Esénia: We're gonna move it to Sunday because that will work for most people and sending a when2meet to 90 people isn't gonna work. Sunday, September 28th at 8:10pm in here.

Taylor: I'm Taylor. I was wondering if, maybe you're already going to do this, but can you send an email with the three options so we can be reminded?

Zoe: Yeah. We can send an email.

Bea: So it's ok if your club, even with everything, if you ask another club for funding support? I thought before we couldn't do that? It's like if we have a week, I'd like to talk to other clubs that have a lot of money that want to partner.

Zoe: I can't say that's a law for sure, but right now not to answer your question first, you can reallocate your budget, but we highly recommend talking to another club, but we will let you know about the laws around that.

Esénia: Because we also don't want to let you know it's an option when it's not an option.

Zoe: We don't know how it would work on Engage. If you know for spring semester, you need another \$20, you can ask another club for that money.

Esénia: It's in the best interest for everyone if we end here and commit to meeting at 8:10pm next Sunday. We are adjourning.