

S&A Process Training

March 3, 2021

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What's Found On-line?

- **Instructions**
- **Timeline**
- **Application Forms**
- **Training Information**
- **Compliance Documents**

Go to Student Programs' Website and click on:

[How Your Fees are Spent :: Student Programs \(bellevuecollege.edu\)](http://bellevuecollege.edu)

S&A Process Timeline – February/ March

February 26	Notification to campus community indicating S&A application and materials are posted on S&A website.
February 26	Invitations for volunteers and nominations to serve on S&A Committee sent out to campus community.
March 3	S&A Process training information available on-line. Notification of training information will be sent out the week of March 1 st .
March 12	Deadline to volunteer or nominate individuals for S&A Committee
March 16	S&A Committee members finalized.
March 18/19	S&A Committee training (Time TBD)
<u>March 22</u>	<u>S&A Application due by 5pm.</u> Materials should be uploaded on S&A website. Applicants will need to upload: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S&A Funding Request Acknowledgement Document 2021-22• 2021-22 S&A Funding Request Summary• Additional information that applicant feels might be relevant (not required)
March 22 - 25	<i>Winter Quarter Finals</i>
March 24	S&A application materials available for committee members
March 24 - April 7	Individual committee members review of application materials
March 26 - April 7	<i>Spring Break</i>

S&A Process Timeline (April/May/June)

- April 8 - April 16** Committee review of applications (Times TBD)
- April 12** If committee has concerns regarding application compliance, feedback and questions will be sent to applicants by April 12th. Applicant can review and determine if they wish to revise application.
- April 19** Funding decisions sent out to applicants. Appeal process information sent with decisions.
- April 21** Appeals submission deadline by 5pm/ Sign up for Appeal hearing by 5pm
- April 22/23** Appeal hearings
- April 26** Appeal decisions sent out.
- April 27 - April 30** ASG votes on S&A recommendation and sends recommendation to President's Cabinet
- May 4** President Cabinet Review
- May 10** S&A paperwork sent to Board of Trustees.
- May 19** 1st read of S&A budget recommendation at Board of Trustee Meeting
- June 16** 2nd read of S&A budget recommendation at Board of Trustee Meeting

Who Reviews and Approves Funding?

- **The S&A committee's** mission is to review requests and make a budget recommendation to the college and the Bellevue College Board of Trustees for annual approval. Last year, the S&A committee allocated over 2.7 million dollars of funding for 3.5 million dollars in application asks.
- The S&A Committee is made up of seven voting members:
 - The ASG President and Treasurer
 - 2 Students at large
 - 1 Classified staff member
 - 1 Exempt staff member
 - 1 Faculty member
- The committee is advised by the Executive Director of Finance and the Director of Student Programs. They will attend meetings and provide advice/ clarifications/ information for the committee. However, the Executive Director of Finance and the Director of Student Programs are not voting members.
- The committee will meet for trainings, determination of committee's funding priorities, review of applications and appeals.

S&A Application – 2 Forms to Fill Out and Upload

- **S&A Funding Request Acknowledgement Document 2021-22**
 - 2 page Word Document
 - Compliance Acknowledgement
 - Certification
 - Supervisor or Organization Advisor Certification
- **2021-22 S&A Funding Request Summary**
 - Excel document
 - The Why – Explanations
 - The What- Dollars and cents
- **Additional information can be uploaded beyond the 2 forms.**
- **Application material should be uploaded by 5 PM March 22.**

S&A Application – Your Ask

Your S&A “ASK” consists of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Your Ask} \\ & = \\ & \text{Requested amount from available 21-22 S\&A Funds} \\ & + \\ & \text{Requested Rollover Amount from 20-21 Budget} \end{aligned}$$

S&A Application – Your Allocation

Your S&A “Allocation” consists of the following:

Your Allocation

=

**Approved funds from available 21-22 S&A funds
(approved by S&A Committee)**

+

**Approved Rollover amount from 20-21 Budget
(approved by S&A Committee)**

Criteria to Apply

Who Can Apply?

ASG has expanded who can apply for S&A funding this year. Any BC student organization or BC office or staff can seek funds **for co-curricular and extracurricular activities for BC students**. The process is no longer simply open to groups that were designated “student programs”.

- Funds are for the benefit of BC students.
- Funds can be used to cover yearly costs, startup costs and one-time asks (a specific event or equipment ask).
- Funds are not to be used for activities that are curricular in nature.

Compliance

Goal with compliance information is to make sure S&A funds are spent correctly.

- **Compliance Documents**

- **Service and Activities (S+A Use) Compliance and Guidance Document**
- **ASG Financial Code**
- **Killian Document**
- **RCW link**

The following section covers common compliance areas to review.

After the following section, there are compliance examples to review.

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- **Extracurricular activity** is defined in the ASG Financial Code as:
“Any student activity which is available to any BC student, AND for which a student is not required to enroll in a course in order to participate. Students do not receive academic credits for participating in these activities. Students may earn extra credit at faculty discretion, but participation is open to all students.”

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- “A curricular activity is an activity that is assigned as part of a course of curriculum and is restricted to students who are enrolled in a particular class or program of study. Students earn academic credit for these activities. As defined in Services and Activities (S+A) Fee Use – Compliance and Guidance Document: “S&A funds are not curricular in nature. They are for **co-curricular** or **extracurricular** involvement (Killian, pg 2). A class cannot be required for an experience that is funded by S&A and S&A funds cannot be used for curriculum needs.”

Compliance

- S+A funds should not be used for items that could be “considered part of the fundamental educational objective of, and basic services provided by the college.” (Killian, pg 5). If a service is viewed as a **basic operational service** of the college or department, the item should not be funded through the S+A process.

Basic operational services or part of fundamental educational objective can be seen as a gray area that will be up to the committee to determine. Is the request value added or requested by students beyond the normal college services?

Compliance

- S+A fund use should be proportional to the extracurricular or co-curricular use.

An example of proportional funding would be the funding of a renovation project where the space is used for both institutional and student extracurricular/co-curricular uses. If funds were being spent to upgrade the space, the percentage of the total project cost funded by S+A funds should not exceed the percentage of time that the extracurricular/co-curricular events use the space.

Compliance

- If audited, one will need to clearly show how S+A funds were used for co-curricular and extracurricular purchases and not for curricular or institutional uses.

At the end of the fiscal year, S&A funds will be reviewed via an end of year report that will need to be submitted.

Compliance

- When S&A funds are used as “seed money” (i.e. money used to start a new program that complies with S+A funds use), all resulting revenues from the event/service are considered to have been co-mingled with state funds and therefore fall under college and state spending restrictions pertaining to public funds. (Killian, pg. 6).

Compliance

- S+A funds may only be used as specified by the approved funding request. If funds are not used during the approved funding window, the funds will be returned. Unused funds do not roll over into the subsequent fiscal year unless approved by the S&A committee.

The committee is approving your specific ask and budget for a specific year of use. If funds are leftover at the end of the fiscal year, you could not use in the next budget cycle without getting clearance to reallocate the funds for a different purpose.

Rollover funds must be approved.

Compliance

- Associated Student Government (ASG) funds are S+A funds (Killian, pg. 1) and must adhere to this document, the Killian document, applicable RCWs, campus procedures and policies.
- **Key Point – If you are turned down for S&A Funds due to compliance issues, you can't ask ASG to fund the same request. They are bound by the same guidelines.**

Compliance

- S&A funds cannot be spent on outreach or recruitment activities to non-students (Killian, pg. 6).

S&A funds must be spent on current students not future students.

Compliance

- S+A funds can be used for student employment if the employment meets all other criteria guiding S+A fund use.

Compliance – Reminders

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Examples

Please note that the following examples are meant to help applicants think about compliance. Ultimately, the determination of whether a S&A application is compliant and/or funded resides with the S&A committee.

Reminder:

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ANSWER – You can change the event but you would not be able to use the funds allocated for the Battle of the Bands. Funds are supposed to be used for what they were requested for. You would need to get approval to change what the funds are used for.

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ANSWER – No. The funds can only be used for what they were requested for. You would need to ask for approval for a budget variance to make the transfer.

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ANSWER – You could ask but the committee will most likely determine that the ask is operational in nature and not compliant.

Example 4

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ANSWER – Yes, the request could be viewed as outside of normal operations and a case could be made the director is responding to students' wants for additional services.

Example 5

A space on-campus is used as a classroom, conference space, meeting space and events room. The campus would like to upgrade the speaker system, screens and projector. The total cost of the project is \$100,000. The S&A committee receives a request to use \$100,000 of S&A funds to fund the project.

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Does this request meet compliance standards?

ANSWER – No. The applicant would need to determine what percentage of use is extracurricular and co-curricular and adjust the request to reflect that other campus uses are using the space and other campus budgets are also funding the project.

Final Thoughts

- **Applications are Due March 22nd @ 5pm.**
- **If you have questions, please ask.**
- **Remember:**
 - **Funds are not guaranteed (last year, there were \$800,000 dollars in ask beyond the available funds).**
 - **Just because an ask is compliant, it doesn't mean the S&A committee will approve the funds.**
 - **Rollover asks are not guaranteed.**