



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

*Office of the Vice-President • 1 University Station, Suite 4.206 • Austin, Texas 78712-0180
(512) 471-3166 • fax (512) 471-3408*

February 16, 2007

University of Texas at Austin Community,

Over the past several months, the Student Service Budget Committee (SSBC), comprised of five students and four University representatives, has been participating in the 2007-2008 fiscal year allocation process of University funds to student service units across campus.

On Thursday December 14, 2006, the committee voted on final recommendations for the units. As the first midterm committee of the two-year tuition setting process, the committee was also responsible for confirming all preliminary allocations made by last year's committee. We also looked at budget projections for fiscal year 2008-2009.

The committee worked hard to ensure that the budget requests of the student service units were accommodated as best possible. The committee established several goals including looking at salary equity for the units that provide services to students in order to keep talented employees on our campus, establishing a plan for reserves, and setting precedent for a midterm committee in UT's two-year budgeting cycle.

The committee is happy with our decisions and confident that the student tuition dollars allocated to these service units will be well spent. In the following report you will not only find budget allocations, but comments and recommendations for each unit that presented to the committee.

The student voice in determining the allocation of the flat-rate tuition dollars is vital to our campus, as is the communication between the SSBC and the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC). As chair of SSBC and author of the report, it was my intention to include as much background information as possible concerning the allocations to ensure transparency in the budgeting process.

The committee appreciates the support and guidance we received from Vice President of Student Affairs Juan C. Gonzalez. Upon the new student election, the SSBC membership will change. However, the goal of allocating student funds through a process that ensures The University of Texas at Austin continues to have the best student services in the country will remain the same.

Extending my best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcus S. Cenicerros".

Marcus S. Cenicerros

Chair, Student Services Budget Committee (FY 2007-2008)
Vice President, Student Government