



FUNDS ALLOTMENT COUNCIL

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AN INDEPENDENT COUNCIL OF STUDENT SENATE

The Funds Allotment Council is committed to its mission of supporting events in such a way as to enhance the intellectual and social development of and provide entertainment opportunities to the students of Truman State University. In order that this mission may be best carried out fairly, a constitution by which the Council strictly operates has been set in place. The Council consults and follows the constitution when making any formal decision regarding the usage of funds allotted to FAC.

Article VII, Section 2 B of the FAC Constitution states:

“The Council can only fund on-campus publicity.”

This regulation has been followed without exception in memory of the current Council. Several groups have requested funding to publicize off-campus; however, it has never been the purpose of FAC to enhance the general Kirksville community. Therefore, it has always previously been determined that off-campus publicity was not a justifiable expenditure of FAC’s proportion of the Truman Student Activity Fee.

Every year, during the tax season, Beta Alpha Psi provides a service to the Truman student body and the Kirksville community by filing taxes free of charge. This program helps the community by providing the service, but it also significantly benefits members of Beta Alpha Psi by furnishing them with invaluable experience; many members of the organization plan to work in the finance sector after graduation, most of which consider professions requiring the ability to file taxes for clients.

Beta Alpha Psi requested funding for on- and off-campus publicity. During the organization’s hearing it was stated that while it is beneficial to file college student’s taxes, the most useful experience comes from filing the taxes of community members as they often have much more varied and complicated returns. FAC determined that the main purpose of funding Beta Alpha Psi was not the provision of the free tax return service to the student body, but the experience that is afforded to this financial organization through this annual event. It was determined by the Council that off-campus publicity, in this case, would specifically and positively impact the main purpose of this event for Truman students. As such, it was decided that funding off-campus publicity for this event would be in accordance with the intention of the FAC Constitution, and furthermore an expenditure of student money that could justifiably be made.

It is for the aforementioned reasoning that an exception to FAC’s typical stance on off-campus publicity was made. It should be noted that this is a singular exception and does not represent a change in Council funding policy. For questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact Emily Done (Chair; eld3262@truman.edu) or Zachary Treat (Treasurer; zjt2846@truman.edu).

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