



June 29, 2009

Dear Community Impact,

The F@CU Committee recognizes and applauds your unrelenting commitment to civic engagement and service. It is our wish to fund your governing board and organizations as much as possible as your work is invaluable to the community. While we would have liked to see clearer and more detailed account information, we do appreciate the time and effort put into your F@CU presentation.

After careful consideration, the F@CU committee decided to grant CI an allocation of \$68,571.09 for the upcoming 2009-10 year. It represents 65.90% of the \$104,055.00 requested and a decrease of 14.20% from the \$79,917.15 allocated last year. This allocation also includes a 15.08% universal deduction that was applied across all governing board allocations due to this year's limited increase of student life fees.

Before the universal 15.08% deduction was applied to all governing boards, \$23,307.13 was initially cut from the CI request. This decision was based on the costs estimated for the retreat and the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. There is no doubt that building a strong team at the beginning of the year and honoring your hardworking members at the end of the year are both essential programs. Given the unfortunate resource constraints, however, the F@CU Committee encourages that costs be cut as much as possible.

For the retreat, we would like to suggest moving the date later in order to avoid the high cost of moving in early. Alternatively, scheduling the retreat on campus may eliminate transportation and conference center fees. The committee recalls your interest in keeping the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Low Library Rotunda. We only ask that the high costs of Columbia Dining Services and space reservations be kept in mind throughout the year as budgeting decisions are made. Your efforts in keeping the board and club budgets balanced in order to accommodate the dinner would be appreciated.

Lastly, we urge you to reach out to the F@CU Committee before the 2010-11 F@CU process begins. We can help ensure the appropriate account details are compiled and submitted up front. This will clarify and ease the decision process so that student activity fees may be distributed appropriately and with confidence.

Thank you again for your time and we look forward to working with you in the coming year. If you have any questions, you can reach us at [facu@columbia.edu](mailto:facu@columbia.edu).

Sincerely,

The F@CU Committee