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Dear Inter-Greek Council,

The F@CU committee would like to thank you for your packet and informative presentation. We would like to congratulate you on the increased number of students demonstrating interest in admission into the sororities and fraternities that you govern. Your presentation made clear that the Greek community at Columbia is strong and vibrant. We appreciate your involvement in the Inter-Greek Council and the vital contribution it has made to the Columbia community.

After careful consideration, the committee has decided give IGC an allocation of $18,254.20 for the 2009-10 academic year. This represents a 22.5% decrease from last year’s allocation and a 47.8% decrease from the original allocation request. We understand that this is far less than your initial request but the committee would like to stress that this is partly the result of limitations on F@CU’s available resources for the coming year. Please refer to the “State of F@CU” letter for additional details on the limited increase in F@CU funding and plans for the future.

The F@CU Committee made numerous cuts to IGC’s projected budget for next year. The F@CU Committee cut the initial requests to the following amounts for the various entities of the IGC: $2,720.00 to the Pan-Hellenic Council, $10,525.00 to the Multi-Cultural Greek Council, $2,400.00 to the Inter-Fraternity Council, and $8,240.00 to the general Inter-Greek Council. In total, this brought IGC’s initial request to $23,885.00. An additional 10% cut was levied against that request because the submitted packet was late and incomplete. This brought the allocation down to $21,496.50. From that number, F@CU made an additional 15.08% universal deduction to all governing board allocations due to this year’s limited student life fees.

As we move into the next year, we encourage the current IGC Executive Board to advise the 2010 IGC Executive Board on the F@CU process and to reach out to next year’s F@CU Committee to ensure that future packets are fully completed to F@CU specifications. The F@CU committee would also like the IGC to develop a more formalized system for allocating funds to its various student groups. We look forward to working with the IGC to help effect these changes and explore additional funding options for its groups.

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.

Sincerely,

The F@CU Committee