



June 29, 2009

Dear Student Governing Board,

The F@CU Committee thanks you for your dedication and support of religious, activist, political, and humanitarian group. Columbia's vibrant community is truly dependent upon the unique governance that SGB provides. We enjoyed your presentation and would like to thank you for providing a fully comprehensive F@CU packet. We appreciate the strict funding guidelines that you have held your clubs to during the review of their budget request and we hope that you continue to use that process in the future.

The F@CU Committee has decided to give SGB an allocation of \$184,109.54 for the 2009-2010 academic year. This amount represents a 2.9% decrease from last year's allocation and a 15.4% decrease from this year's request. We understand that this is less than the budget you requested from F@CU, however the limited funds available through the student life fees has restricted the ability of our committee to provide each governing board with the requested amount.

The total amount the F@CU Committee decided to cut from your original \$217,636.00 request was \$825.00 from speaker events. We decided to make this cut because there are many speakers around New York City willing to speak for smaller honorariums or for free. This brought your recommended allocation to \$216,811.00. From that allocation, we had to make a universal cut of 15.08% to all governing board allocations due to a limited increase in funds available to F@CU this 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 is truly appreciative of your efforts to reduce unnecessary costs. We encourage SGB to promote growth among your groups coming year through building a stronger community and increasing communications amongst groups. We encourage SGB to help its groups find alternative funding sources for the coming year and continue promoting cost-effective events.

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