May 28, 2010

Dear Club Sports Governing Board,

Thank you for your informative and straightforward presentation at F@CU this year. As always, we appreciate CSGB’s unique ability to “cut the fat” and present to us only the real and honest needs of your clubs. As a result, cuts to CSGB’s allocation were very limited this year.

The councils have unanimously agreed to allocate CSGB $206,200.00 for the 2010-2011 academic year. This represents an almost 17% increase over last year’s allocation and an almost 4% decrease from your request.

Two cuts specifically made up the $7,600 between your request and your approved allocation. One was a $4,500 cut to Men’s Rugby and the other $3,100 from Equestrian. These two teams received special scrutiny from the F@CU committee due to their large percentage and gross increases between 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. The respective cuts reflect the supplemental income that these two groups received last year; the CSGB packet predicted no supplemental income for these two groups that traditionally receive substantial additional funds throughout the year. The F@CU committee decided to assume similar extra monies coming to those two teams specifically, thus deflating their need by those respective amounts.

The F@CU Committee recognizes, commends, and encourages the significant efforts of these two clubs in fundraising. However, this cannot be condoned with increased initial allocations as it sets unsustainable precedents.

Moving into next year, we again urge the Club Sports Governing Board to seek additional sources of revenue to make up for graduate student participation. Those students currently pay no money into the F@CU pot, but benefit from undergraduate student life fees. While we do not threaten a 32% cut in the CSGB allocation next year – proportional to the reported graduate student participation in club sports – such a cut may be in the future. We appreciate the steps taken already to lobby the IGB and the Deans for additional funding, but CSGB must be prepared to require higher dues for graduate students should those two potential avenues for additional funding fall through.

Again, we thank you for your candor and preparedness. We wish your teams the best of luck in the coming year!

Sincerely,
The F@CU Committee