May 28, 2010

Dear Inter-Greek Council,

The F@CU committee would like to thank you for your packet and exciting presentation. The insight into the present and future of the Inter-Greek Council is much appreciated. We would also like to congratulate you both on your continued contribution to the Columbia community and the increased interest in the Greek community this year.

Following much deliberation, the committee has decided to allocate a total of $9,680.56 to the Inter-Greek Council for the 2010-2011 academic school year. This represents a 47.0% decrease from the previous year’s allocation and a 63.2% decrease from the original allocation request. The decrease above is very significant and the committee would like to stress that this is not a reflection on the performance of the IGC. The cut is mostly due to the cut in funding from CCSC, ESC, and GSSC proportional to the percentage of Barnard students in the IGC. Given that Barnard students are not paying student life fees toward the IGC (as Barnard has not recognized the IGC and does not participate in its funding), CCSC, ESC and GSSC have decided only to fund their own constituencies and thus reduce IGC’s allocation to reflect that decision. Please refer to SGA’s supplemental letter for more details on their intended $1000 gift to IGC which is not part of F@CU.

The F@CU committee made several specific cuts to the Inter-Greek Council’s projected budget for the upcoming year: $5,265.00 to the Inter-Fraternity Council, $3,347.00 to the Panhellenic Council, $5,431.00 to the Multicultural Greek Council and $2,289.78 to the general Inter-Greek Council. These cuts brought the total IGC request to $13,313.20, which is the amount before we made reductions due to Barnard's participation. These cuts are to specific events, most notably for all events put on by a single chapter. After applying cuts to account for the Barnard College population under each of the three councils (4% under IFC, 26% under the MGC, and 50% under the Panhellenic Council) the total request was brought to $9,680.56.

As we all move into the next academic year, the F@CU committee would like to encourage the current Inter-Greek Council Executive Board to consult with next year’s Executive Board in order to create more institutional memory involving funding and activities surrounding your council. The F@CU committee would also advise the IGC to create a more formal and centralized system surrounding cosponsorships and allocations to the various organizations under its purview, quite possibly in the form of a constitution. We are excited to help with these transitions in the Inter-Greek Council over the next year.

The F@CU committee thanks you again for the time and effort put into your packet, presentation, and our community and we look forward to working with you over the next year. If you have any questions, you can reach the committee at facu@columbia.edu.

Sincerely,
The F@CU Committee