



May 30, 2008

Dear Club Sports Governing Board,

Thank you again for your F@CU packet as well as your informative presentation. We thank you all for amount of time you dedicate to CSGB and, thus, the service you are providing to the Columbia University community.

F@CU has decided to give CSGB an allocation of \$198,661.25 for the 2008-2009 year, which represents an increase from your 2007-2008 allocation of over 18%. This budget increase reflects directly the growth of CSGB's activities over this past year.

While this budget does represent an increase over last year, we understand that this amount does not include the entirety of the budget you requested during the F@CU process. The student life fees upon which these allocations are based unfortunately limited our committee's ability to provide each governing board with their requested amount. The limited funds required a critical review of the budget requests submitted by CSGB for each club sport.

In accordance with the precedent set by other governing boards, F@CU adheres to the "1/2 travel and lodging" policy. Through this policy, we agree to cover one half the cost of travel and lodging that student groups incur. Thus, half of the responsibility of travel and lodging costs lies with the students. Since many club sports expenses are related to travel and lodging, the F@CU committee decided apply this policy to the overall allocation for CSGB.

F@CU determined the allocation by matching the membership dues and fundraising revenue of each club. Matching the 2007-2008 student contributions of \$144,810.00 is similar to the aforementioned guidelines of paying 50% for travel and lodging expenses. Furthermore, we recognize the extra effort needed to fundraise money. We believe that by matching the 2007-2008 fundraising total of \$54,851.25, students are both rewarded for their efforts and encouraged to increase their fundraising activity.

In the future, the F@CU committee requests that CSGB review the budget requests submitted to them and determine recommended allocations for each club sport prior to F@CU. Due to the unique dynamic and expenses of each club sport, we feel it is more appropriate for CSGB, rather than the F@CU committee, to make cuts from the budget requests of each club sport. In addition to requesting that CSGB determine its group allocations in the spring, we advise that more of the incoming CSGB also be present at the F@CU meeting, considering the allocation given to CSGB will affect the following year's leadership.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We can be reached at facu@columbia.edu.

Sincerely,

The F@CU Committee