



May 30, 2008

Dear WKCR 89.9 FM,

First, thank you again for your detailed F@CU packet as well as your informative presentation. We thank you all for amount of time you dedicate to WKCR and, thus, the service you are providing to Columbia's community.

F@CU has decided to give WKCR a \$15,415.94 allocation for this year. This allocation includes every item in your request, excluding \$27,280.00 for summer housing. In accordance with the purpose of the Student Activities Fee, we do not find it appropriate to fund housing for 11 students. These fees are to benefit all students, and similarly, reach as many students as possible. It is clear that the travel expenses and new equipment you have requested will impact the entire radio station, and thus, every student who works for the radio or listens to the station. But, paying for housing for 11 students really only impacts those 11 students, thus proving the expenditure to be an improper use of funds.

This might be confusing to you, as F@CU agreed to pay for summer housing last year. At the time, the F@CU committee felt that they could arrange for free housing, so they agreed to take on that expenditure. Because of the tight housing situation, that ended up not being possible, and remains impossible. So, we cannot offer that to you again.

Throughout the F@CU process, sentiments about the appropriateness of funding WKCR were expressed. As you know, F@CU indirectly funds student groups through their respective governing boards. But, WKCR does not naturally fall under one of those boards and is not the typical group that they govern. The special nature of WKCR that makes it more of a "student enterprise" than a student group makes some question whether it is appropriate for F@CU to fund you. In addition, given your history and importance to the school, there are many other sources within the school that would likely be willing to help fund you. As a result of this, the Engineering Student Council has voted that this will be the last year that F@CU funds WKCR. ESC, through the University Senate, has started the search of finding other sources of funds for you, and will continue to do so throughout the upcoming year.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We can be reached at [facu@columbia.edu](mailto:facu@columbia.edu).

Sincerely,

The F@CU Committee