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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate  
Internal Bill 56-10**

[Updates to Title VIII]

**WHEREAS**, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;  
**WHEREAS**, CRT no longer funds virtual conferences after the COVID-19 pandemic;  
**WHEREAS**, Pricing for flights and other accommodations range differently depending on location;  
**WHEREAS**, CRT can fund professional development in certain scenarios;  
**WHEREAS**, Charter buses can be a cost efficient alternative to flights; and  
**WHEREAS**, This Bill will go into effect immediately.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Title VIII be amended as follows:

Chapter 810 Definitions

- 810.1 Conference: An in-person ~~or virtual~~ gathering of professionals and/or scholars at which the student presents research findings, attends workshops, or enhances personal or professional development skills.  
Lodging: The temporary stay at a hotel that **is reasonably priced and** reasonably near the conference venue.  
Registration: The primary cost to be officially in attendance of the organized conference the student is anticipating on attending.  
Travel: The primary method of transportation that transports the student to a location that is reasonably near the conference venue.  
Eligible Costs: The total cost of lodging, registration, and travel inclusive of applicable fees and taxes that are not excluded by the following policies and guidelines.

Chapter 812 Funding Classifications

- 812.2 CRT Allocations: The funding amounts for Allocations shall correspond to the following funding types that the student/RSO is eligible for.
- A. Research Presentation: Opportunities for students to present a research paper, poster, or to profess proficient knowledge of an academic subject for colleagues at an organized conference.
    1. To be eligible for this funding type, the student/RSO must provide proof of their abstract, poster, or equivalent to the CRT Committee.
  - B. Observational Research: Opportunities for students to travel on nontraditional research related trips for the purpose of conducting some type of research or study, (i.e., literature, surveys, interviews, observations, experiments) as dictated by the industry standard and is intended for some type of academic publication or academic report in the future.
    1. To be eligible for this funding type, the student/RSO must provide justification of the trip's relation to the student/RSO's academic program or professional development to the CRT Committee.
  - C. Performance Art: Opportunities for students to travel for live presentation of their art form for an audience.
    1. To be eligible for this funding type, the student/RSO must provide documentation to the CRT Committee of their live presentation.
  - D. Competition: Opportunities for students to compete with and against others in a subject at an organized conference where performance in such an event is assessed against other participants.
    1. To be eligible for this funding type, the student/RSO must provide verification of qualification, invitation, intent to compete, or similar documentation.
  - E. Seminar/Networking: Opportunities for students to attend academic lectures, ~~or~~ professional networking, **or professional development** sessions at an organized conference **or event**.

1. To be eligible for this funding type, the student/RSO must provide documentation from the host organization such as conference dates, location, costs, lodging information, or tentative agenda.
- F. Service Trip: Opportunities for Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) to participate in providing aid to a community that has no imposition of spiritual beliefs, and has oversight provided by an official organization.
  1. To be eligible for this funding type, the RSO must guarantee, through documentation, that they have taken the necessary security measures to ensure the safety of all participants during the duration of the trip. Groups shall have no less than six (6) participants per service trip.
- ~~G. Virtual Conference: Opportunities for students to engage with professionals and/or scholars, attend workshops, or enhance personal or professional development skills in a virtual setting.~~
  1. ~~To be eligible for this funding type, the student/RSO must provide documentation from the host organization such as conference dates or tentative agenda.~~

Chapter 816 General Limitations

816.3 CRT shall not fund:

- A. Mission trips or cultural exchange trips.
- B. Individual student allocations for service trips.
- C. Food provisions or food services if not included in registration.
- D. Unrestricted social events.
- E. Hostels and short-term rental services (i.e., apartments and personal homes).
- F. Lodging for individual allocations requesting a divided portion of the total lodging bill.
- G. Personal or rental vehicles.
- H. Internships and study abroad trips.
- I. Travel that exceeds thirty (30) days, without Provost approval.
- J. Students who are seeking funding through any combination of individual allocations, RSO allocations, and bills for the same conference.
- K. Lodging within 50 miles of the student's home campus without Provost approval.
- L. Trips which are not consistent with UCF's Policies and Procedures.
- M. Membership fees not associated with the conference registration cost.
- N. Items that have already been purchased by an individual or RSO.
- O. Charter buses that will travel farther than five hundred (500) miles from UCF.**

Chapter 818 Allocation Supplements

- 818.1 Individual allocations with **destinations located in Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, or Alaska can be supplemented with an additional \$250.00 if the student's eligible costs exceed their funding amount.** ~~international travel destinations can be supplemented with an additional \$500.00 if the student's eligible costs exceed their funding amount.~~
- 818.2 Individual allocations requested by a degree-seeking graduate student can be supplemented with an additional \$200.00 if the student's eligible costs exceed their funding amount.
- 818.3 Individual allocations with destinations located outside of the United States, Canada, and Mexico can be supplemented with an additional \$500.00 if the student's eligible costs exceed their funding amount.**

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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