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## University of Central Florida Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate Internal Bill 56-50

[CRT Committee Recommended Updates to Title VIII]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;

WHEREAS, The CRT Committee shall debate, amend, and pass measures pertaining to the CRT Account and Title VIII Appendix A; WHEREAS, The CRT Committee shall review Title VIII Appendix A and suggest amendments by the means of Bills introduced by any Student Body Senator;

WHEREAS, The budget of the CRT account has seen a steady decrease over the years through A&SF and the University does not project an increase in students or credit hours;

WHEREAS, Overspending and running out of funding early has been a repeated pattern of CRT for many years;

WHEREAS, Lowering our maximum caps will allow our funding to last longer and impact more students;

WHEREAS, International students requiring visas takes much longer to process through UCF Global and internationally than originally understood;

WHEREAS, Codifying a need for proof of prices and knowledge of outside funding is essential to making the most correct and knowledgeable votes in the Committee, 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 812 Funding Classifications

- 812.3 A limit to the number of students going to a specific conference, using a specific classification of conference funding (Research Presentation, Seminar/Networking, Competition, etc.) may be set at any time by a majority vote of the CRT Committee. This restriction must be announced at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting during CRT Committee Announcements and will last until the end of the Senate Session unless otherwise stated.
  - A. This decision can be overturned by a majority vote of the Senate during any meeting and will be seen during the meeting it is called.

### Chapter 813 Meeting Operations Request Process

- When an RSO is requesting funding, an authorized officer who has completed Financial Training must be present at the CRT Committee meeting or Caucus; with written consent from an authorized officer of the RSO, any member of the organization may present on their behalf.
- 813.2 If no individuals can physically attend a CRT Committee meeting, or Caucus, for a legitimate reason evaluated by the Chair, said student may be present via teleconference, video conference, or be represented by a CRT committee member.
  - A. At the discretion of the CRT Committee, the individual or RSO may also be represented by another student who is going to the same conference as the individual.
  - B. Committee Representation shall consist of a CRT committee member representing a student request to the rest of the committee in their absence. The student must request committee representation at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the CRT meeting where the allocation is to be seen.
    - 1. The student should provide the CRT committee member with all the information needed to responsibly present their request to the rest of the committee at the next scheduled meeting. The student must meet via phone, in-person or virtually with a CRT member.
  - C. The CRT chair shall assign committee allocation requests among committee members and provide guidance on effective representation.
  - D. By accepting Committee Representation, the student or RSO requesting funding is aware that if they cannot be reached by phone during the meeting for any questions which cannot be answered by the

- representing committee member, then their request may be postponed until the committee receives the answer to their question(s).
- 813.3 Requests for funding by an RSO are only to be made by students recognized as Authorized Officers by the Office of Student Involvement.
- 813.4 All requests for funding, whether for Registration, Travel, or Lodging, must present a method of proof that shows the current, future, or past price of the item to the committee.
- 813.5 Individuals and RSOs requesting funding shall be required to provide the amount of outside funding they have received or anticipate receiving, if any, including but not limited to sponsors, donations, dues, operating budgets, etc. to the CRT Committee for their review when submitting a funding request.

### Chapter 814 Timeline

- 814.1 Allocations:
  - A. Allocation requests must be submitted through KnightConnect at least two (2) business days prior to the start of the CRT meeting for which they are to be considered at that meeting, unless prior approval from the Chair is received.
  - B. For U.S. citizens, allocation requests must be approved by the CRT Committee, and read into the Senate Minutes, at least fifteen (15) business days before funding is needed. For Non-U.S. citizens, allocation requests must be approved by the CRT Committee, and read into the Senate Minutes, at least twenty two (22) business days before funding is needed.
    - a. This timeline may be overturned by a two-thirds (%) vote of the CRT Committee.
  - C. For Non-U.S. citizens, allocation requests must be approved by the CRT Committee, and read into the Senate Minutes, at least thirty (30) business days before funding is needed for a trip within the United States, and at least thirty-five (35) business days before funding is needed for a trip outside of the United States.
    - a. This timeline may be overturned by a two-thirds (¾) vote of the CRT Committee.
- Chapter 817 Allocation Funding Amounts
  - 817.2 Funding for Individual allocations shall be administered at the following types:
    - A. Research Presentation and Performance Arts Trips shall be funded at a maximum of \$500.00\$400.00.
    - B. Performance Art Trips shall be funded at a maximum of \$400.00.
    - C. Observational Research Trips shall be funded at a maximum of \$300.00\$400.00.
    - D. Competition Trips shall be funded at a maximum of \$300.00\$350.00.
    - E. Seminar/Networking Trips shall be funded at a maximum of \$250.00\$200.00.
- Chapter 818 Allocation Supplements
  - 818.3 Individual allocations requested by a degree-seeking graduate student can be supplemented with an additional \$200.00\$100.00 if the student's eligible costs exceed their funding amount.

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