

## **Submitted 10/27/23 SFAC Hearings - University of Houston-Clear Lake**

### **Student Government (Revised)-SFAC HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY- Budget Cycle FY25**

**1. Did you receive any new funding for this year? If so, how is it being used? Present your budget worksheet.**

Yes, Student Government received new funding for both FY23 and FY24.

For FY23, Student Government received the following funds (Total \$25,750):

- Student Leader Stipends (\$9,600) - As the University seeks to continually increase student events and engagement opportunities, this scholarship allowed the student leaders to be paid for 4 Executive Council positions.
- Professional Development (\$10,000) -The Executive Council (EC) attended the National Association for Campus Activities -Student Government Institute in the 2023 Summer session.
- Ethernet Lines (\$450) - Ethernet lines were to be installed in the SG office to improve the wi-fi connection. However, the expenses were covered by OIT.
- Program/Events (\$1,500) - Funds spent on SG events and meeting refreshments.
- Meeting Materials (\$500) - These materials were used to improve the meetings and to provide students with an incentive to attend the General Assembly Meetings.
- Uniforms (\$1,700) - Polos were purchased for the SG leadership.
- T-Shirts (\$2,000) -T-shirts were purchased for the membership and for tabling events.

(\$2,000 is base funded)

For FY24, Student Government requested funding (\$35,800):

- Officer Scholarships (\$12,800) - This money will be used to support the payment of officers for their work in Student Government
- Professional Development (\$10,000) - These funds will be utilized to support enhanced professional development opportunities for the next group of Student Government leaders.
- Promotional Items (\$5000) - These purchases will be utilized to increase brand recognition for Student Government and provide UHCL students with Student Government -branded items
- Meeting Materials (\$2,000) - These materials will be utilized to improve the meetings and to provide students with an incentive to attend the General Assembly Meetings.
- Special Events, programs and meetings (\$6,000) - SG will use the funding to host general assembly meetings, programs, tabling and collaborative events to inform and engage the student body, in addition to supporting university initiatives.

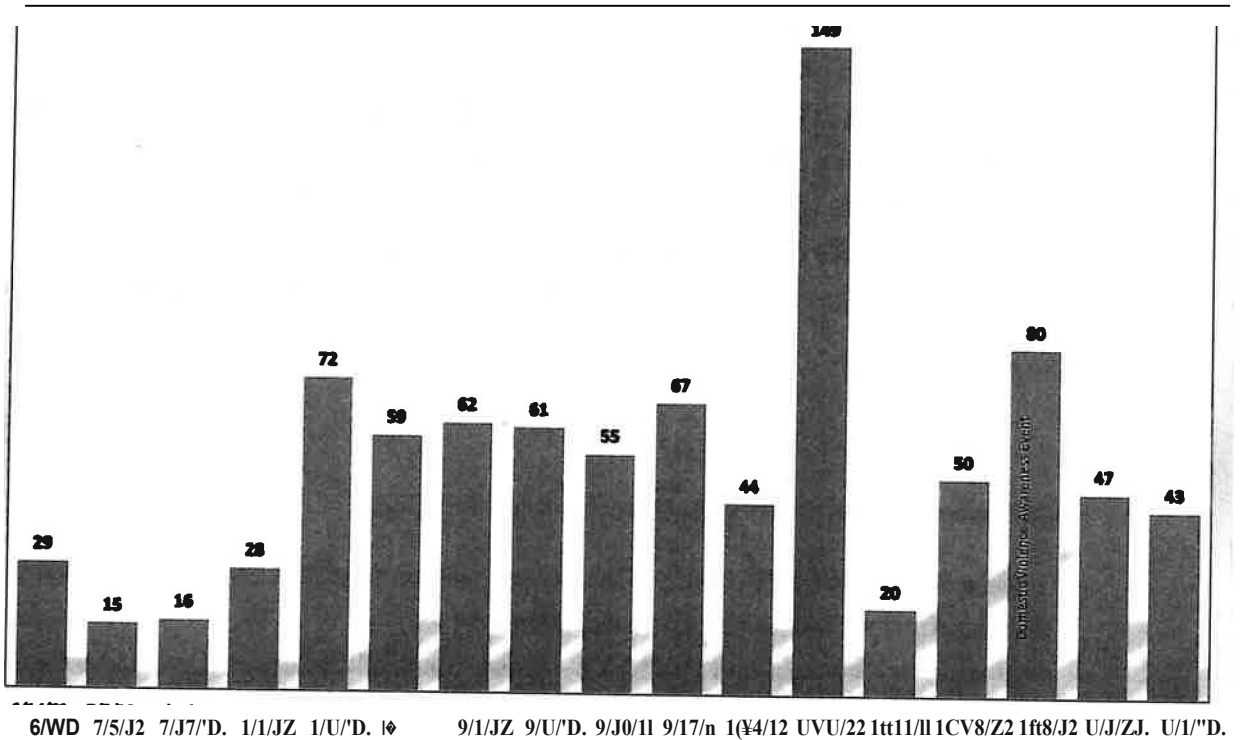
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**2. Summarize the usage of your services. What areas/programs saw increases or decreases?**

Student Government has four main facets: the Executive Council, Directors, Committees and the Senate. So far this year the Student Government has experienced growth in participation in the director roles in the Spring of 2023 and increase in committee participation in the Summer and Fall of 2023. However, General Assembly Meetings had a general steady showing of participation.

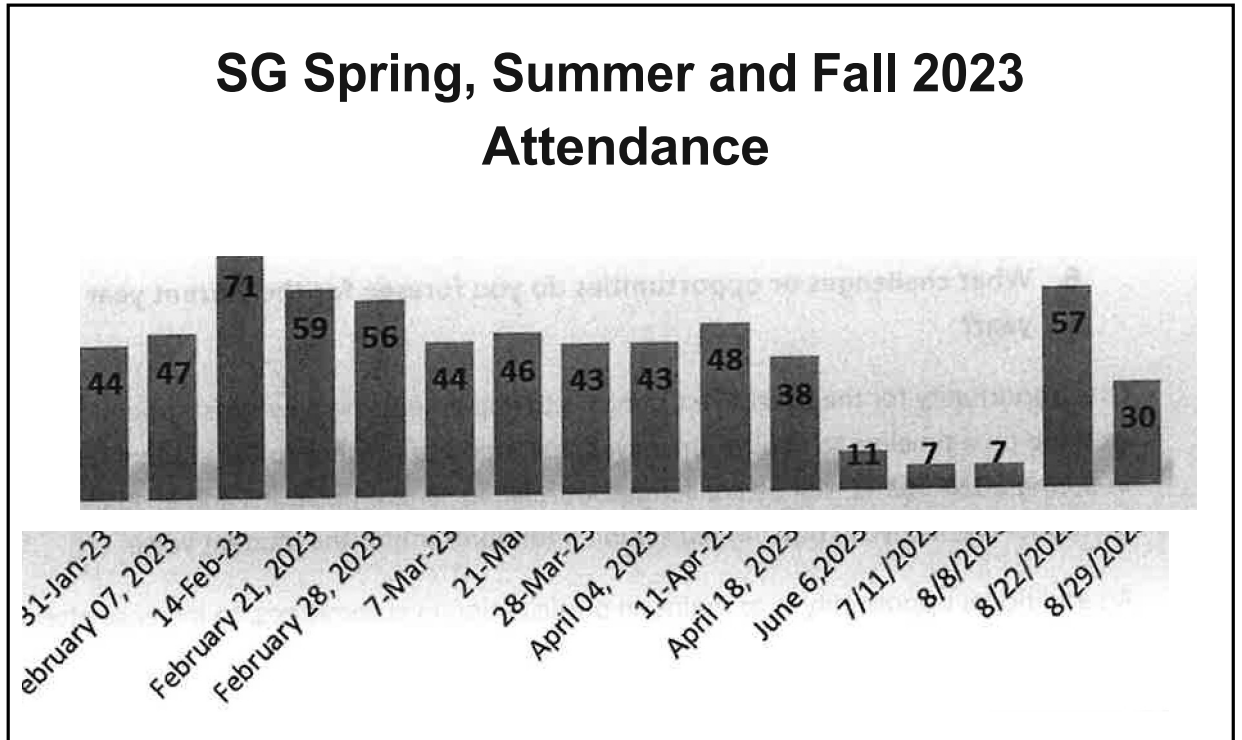
The attendance records for the Summer and Fall 2022 and 2023 General Assembly Meetings, Senate Meetings, and the Domestic Violence Awareness Events are provided below:

Summer and Fall 2022 SG Meetings and Events



Attendance for the Spring, Summer, and early Fall of 2023 are provided on the chat

below.



Attendance at the General Assembly Meetings has remained relatively consistent over the course of the past two years; however, attendance has witnessed an ever so slight decline in the recent weeks.

**3. Describe the student satisfaction with your services.**

Student Government operates to advocate for student needs. This is done through general member meetings and additional endeavors to garner student feedback. For the general assembly meeting, the survey respondent indicated that they were satisfied with the general assembly meeting. Additionally, the student body has provided us with concerns that they are having on campus. The Executive Board has worked diligently to bring those concerns to the entities responsible for navigating these concerns. The Executive Council would then return to the students with updates. This transparency has led to students continuing to bring concerns to the forefront.

**4. What has your department done to increase or improve services? Specifically, what did you learn in your assessment that is impacting your services now?**

On the assembly meeting check-in form, SG added a question to solicit concerns, feedback and suggestions from the student body. SG uses this information for meeting topics and to address student issues. SG participated in the new student orientation Hawk Way of Life panel, and hosts information tables at retention and recruiting events throughout the year. SG learned that in-person outreach is instrumental in engaging students and encouraging them to be more active in student government.

**5. Describe any new initiatives for the current year.**

A task force was created to research and identify best practices in student government. Based on the findings of the task force, SG plans to implement a new constitution in Spring 2024. They also plan to implement a new program to encourage students to join SG and be prepared for those roles.

**6. What challenges or opportunities do you foresee for the current year and next year?**

One opportunity for the Executive Council is to implement the new constitution. The EC is working on a timeline to finalize the new constitution to present to the student body for a vote in Spring 2024. The EC will be challenged with filling senate positions and ensuring that the new SG model is effective in passing legislation and representing the student voice.

An additional opportunity is to maintain participation in committees, to increase attendance and to enhance the engagement of those involved students so that they maintain their interest in and dedication to Student Government.

**7. Did you have funds swept at the end of FY23? If so, how much and why?**

Student Government returned \$3,924.00 in funding for FY23. This was funding left over from the professional development trip to the NACA Programming Institute. One SG officer was not able to attend the trip, so those funds were not spent. Additionally, OIT paid for the Wi-fi and there were some vacancies over the course of the year which led to scholarship savings.

**8. Are you requesting new funding? One-time or Base? Present your budget request for next year and rationale.**

The UHCL Student Government is requesting one-time funding of \$11,795 for Student Leader Scholarships for the Executive Council, \$10,000 for professional development, \$6,000 for programs/meeting materials/expenses, \$5,000.00 for promotional items, \$2,000 for new uniforms, and \$360 for parking passes for the Executive Council. The total request for FY25 is \$35,155.

For FY 25 SG is requesting \$11,795 for Student Leader Scholarships. This will help future cohorts continue to be effectively incentivized for their work. The SG E-Board requires 10 working hours per week. The SG President's pay was calculated at \$10.00 an hour for 10 work hours per week, the SG Vice Presidents' pay was calculated at \$9.50 per hour for 10 work hours per week, totaling \$18,095 for four EC members. Since SG has 6,300 in base funding for FY24-25 for

scholarships, the request for FY25 is for the difference of \$11,795 (\$18,095 scholarships - \$6,300 base funding= \$11,795 to be requested).

For FY25 SG is requesting \$10,000 for professional development. In FY 23 the SG E-Board traveled to the NACA Student Government Institute which allowed us to collaborate with Student Government Boards from other institutions around the country. This experience led to the foundational work done to create a student leadership experience for interested students as well as new ways for us to advocate and outreach to all students.

For FY25 we would like to request \$6,000 for programs, meeting materials and events. This additional funding would help support enhancements to all our events, collaborations and meetings. Further, this funding would enable us to find innovative ways to support the UHCL study body through advocacy initiatives, programs, and outreach efforts to enhance students' awareness of the UHCL Student Government.

For FY25 we would like to request \$5,000 for promotional items to be used throughout tabling events, and other student involvement activities to promote our organizations. These items will help with brand recognition and help students become more aware of our outreach and advocacy on campus.

For FY 25 SG is requesting \$2,000 for new uniforms. This budget would allow for uniforms to be purchased for the future cohort of Executive Board members and senators.

For FY 25 SG is requesting \$360 for parking passes which will allow the future cohorts of Student Government leaders to have close access to campus and be able to attend the functions, events, and meetings in a timely manner (\$90.00 x 4 EC members= \$360).

