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SGA CONSTITUTION
Article I: Name

The body of the student representatives (Senators and the Executive Council) shall be named the Student Government Association (SGA). Henceforward, the collective TTUHSC El Paso Student Government Association will be referred to as the SGA and the Executive Council shall be EC.

Article II: Purpose

The SGA is charged with the tasks of: promoting, coordinating, and directing student affairs and activities affecting the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) El Paso; acting to voice student concerns to the TTUHSC El Paso Faculty and Staff; encourage interdisciplinary communication and participation among the individual schools that compose the TTUHSC El Paso.

Article III: Duties and Power of the Senate

A. The SGA will advocate for the student body and liaise between the TTUHSC El Paso student body and the faculty and staff.
B. The SGA and its respective Senators will represent the TTUHSC El Paso student body as pertains to activities and other matters involving Texas Tech including, but not limited to, representation on fee committees.
C. The SGA will acknowledge, communicate with, coordinate and assist with student organizations within the TTUHSC El Paso system.

Article IV: Organization

A. The SGA shall make a strong and continuous effort to represent all student body populations within TTUHSC El Paso.
B. The SGA will be composed of duly elected students from each school that comprise the TTUHSC El Paso.
C. Numerical representation ratios shall be in accordance to SGA by-laws.
D. An Executive Council (EC) shall preside over all activities of the SGA and shall be composed of the following four officers.
   1. President
   2. Vice President of Communications
   3. Vice President of Operations
   4. Vice President of Finance
Article V: Officers

A. Executive Council (officers) are elected in addition to the senate representatives from each school.

B. Election thereof

a. Senators and Executive Council and respective student council members in good standing attending at the TTUHSC El Paso campus may run for any of the four officer positions and may win election to the position for which they are running by a majority vote of the SGA. Both Senators and EC members vote for the EC positions in April. The eighteen members who served their term will vote for the upcoming year’s EC members.

i. The candidate must win majority vote with at least 25% of total votes.

ii. In case of a tie, then run-off election with be held with the candidates who tied for first.

iii. If 25% of votes are not obtained, but there is not a tie for first, then persons with first & second highest number of votes will be rerun.

b. Eligibility to run includes one year experience in the SGA Senate or respective Student Council officers with all attendance, community service and SGA awareness requirements met.

i. The TTUHSC Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing is excluded from this one year experience requirement. Instead, any period of experience on the Nursing Student Association or TNSA will qualify for eligibility. (In order to meet this requirement, it is possible for two nursing students to run simultaneously for the EC; one will serve the first half, and the other will serve the second half after shadowing the first.)

c. New officers must be elected annually by the SGA Senate and EC bodies in April no later than the last Friday of April of each year.

d. Incumbent officers are limited to two terms of service and must run for re-election annually.

e. The outgoing EC shall set the date of the election of new council members with one month notice to the senate. Any student (meeting requirements stated above) desiring to run for office must submit a letter of intent to run to the EC no later than two weeks prior to the election date.

f. For the inaugural academic year, 2015-2016, the SGA taskforce will function as the EC/SGA with the president of the Medical Student Council (Year 2 president) functioning as the president of SGA. This will not count as one of the two terms of service. Elections in April will constitute the first term.

C. Resignation from Office
a. President
   i. In the event that the president resigns before the end of a term one of the Vice Presidents may assume the responsibilities of the office of President with approval of the SGA Senate and EC by majority vote.

b. Vice Presidents
   i. In the event that one of the vice presidents resigns before the end of a term, the President shall appoint, within one week of the vacancy, a suitable replacement from the Senate.
   ii. The appointment of the new Vice President must be confirmed via majority vote in the SGA Senate no later than 30 days after the appointment.
   iii. The Senator filling a vacated EC position must be in good academic and SGA Senate standing.
   iv. An interim appointment would not count toward the 2 term limit if it occurs after the winter break.

D. Officer Description and Duties
   a. President
      i. Shall represent the official opinion of the student body at TTUHSC El Paso when requested to do so to persons outside the SGA. The President shall do so by vote of the Student Senate, if necessary.
      ii. Shall preside over Senate meetings.
      iii. Shall represent the Student Body of TTUHSC El Paso at all business or social functions or appoint a representative to do so.
      iv. Shall call meetings, both special and monthly, of the Student Senate.
      v. Shall supervise the appointment and establishment of Senate committees.
      vi. Shall hold quarterly meetings with the SGA advisor and members of the administration.
      vii. Shall serve on the Student Service Fee Advisory Committee.
      viii. Shall attend and present progress reports at all of Board of Regents Meetings and others as required by TTUHSC El Paso Administration.
      ix. Shall chair the student regent selection committee during TTUHSC El Paso student regent terms. In the event that the president wishes to apply for the student regent, they must designate a Vice President to chair the committee.
      x. Does not vote on issues before the SGA. However, in the event of a deadlock over senate issues, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

b. Vice President of Communications
   i. Shall preside over SGA Senate meetings when the President is absent.
   ii. Shall oversee all committees and have monthly meetings with committee heads.
iii. Shall serve as chair for PR and Social Committee
v. Does not vote on issues before the SGA.
c. Vice President of Operations
   i. Shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes of SGA meetings and posting them on the SGA website.
   ii. Shall conduct all EC correspondence.
   iii. Shall keep all the papers, records, communications and correspondence sent by and received by the SGA.
iv. Shall chair the Operations Committee.
v. Shall maintain and regulate attendance records of all Senate meetings.
vi. Shall monitor activities of voting members to ensure a quorum and the ability of the Senate to conduct business.
vii. Shall ensure the SGA minutes are delivered no later than 2 days after a scheduled SGA meeting to the student body. The method of distribution of minutes shall be decided by the VP of Operations and can include direct email or delegation of task to Senators, or other appropriate means.
viii. Shall assist executive council on Senate Constitution changes.
ix. Shall coordinate the population of all Standing Committees in accordance with current SGA By-Laws.
x. Shall have the power to appoint individuals to Standing Committees in the case of a vacant seat, or whenever a Senator is not part of any Standing Committee.
   1. Shall meet with EC concerning said appointments.
xii. Shall meet with the Chairs of the Community Service and Public Relations committees on a monthly basis and work with them to evaluate senator standing.
   xii. Does not vote on issues before the SGA.
d. Vice President of Finance
   i. Shall receive and disperse SGA funds with the approval of Executive Council.
   ii. Shall serve on the Student Health Fee Advisory Committee, as needed.
   iii. Shall chair the Senate Finance Committee.
   iv. Shall present the HSC Student Budget to the Assistant Vice President for Student Services. Shall oversee all other financial responsibilities deemed necessary by the Executive Council.
v. Shall hold meetings with the SGA advisor and administration as needed.
   vi. Does not vote on issues before the SGA.
E. Et al.
a. All executive officers are subject to the authority of the Assistant Vice President of Student Services (AVPSS). Any officers deemed by the AVPSS to be in dereliction of their duties or in violation of the Student Code of Conduct are subject to being removed from office by the Assistant Vice President of Student Services.

b. All executive officers must maintain good academic standing in order to continue in office.

c. Executive Officers may continue serving at the end of their term as at-large Senators with all the duties, rights and privileges of an SGA Senator, excluding voting.
   i. The purpose of at-large Senators is to improve overall student body representation.
   ii. There is no limit to the number of at-large Senator seats.
   iii. At large Senators must maintain current TTUHSC El Paso enrollment and be in good academic standing and must abide by SGA by-laws.
   iv. These positions are to be re-evaluated annually by the SGA President and Director of Student Services.

d. All at-large senators are exempt from community service and SGA awareness responsibilities.

Article VI: Senators

A. El Paso

a. Election thereof
   i. Senators shall be elected annually at a time designated by the respective schools’ student Councils but after the EC elections in April. They shall be elected by majority vote of their class in order to represent the interests of their respective classes in the SGA Senate.
   ii. In order to run for election, candidates must be in good academic standing.
   iii. The numbers of Senators elected from each class shall be composed of 18 members drawn from each TTUHSC El Paso School (8 from Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, 6 from Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing and 4 from Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences). These numbers are selected in order to represent each class or cohort from each school.
   iv. In the case that no individuals run for office from a particular class, the VP of Operations will petition the respective program’s faculty to appoint senators.
   v. Senators are considered elected representatives of their class for the same term as the other members of their respective student councils.

b. Filling of Vacated Senate Seats
i. In the event that a Senator chooses to vacate their seat before the end of term, then the VP of Operations shall have the authority to run a special election within 30 days in order to fill the vacant seat.

ii. Resignation without notification shall be deemed as un-honorable and the senator that vacates a seat without notice will not receive recognition upon graduation.

iii. Any Senator who does not fulfill their obligations until the end of their term shall not receive recognition upon graduation.

c. Description

i. Members of the Student Senate shall be entrusted by the constituency to represent the interests of their respective school as well as the general interest of the TTUHSCEP student body.

ii. Each Senator is entrusted to advocate for TTUHSCEP students in all affairs and holds the duty of publicizing and debating student concerns during the SGA sessions.

iii. All members of the SGA must be registered students at TTUHSCEP with a GPA of 2.5 or better current and cumulative. Students without a numeric GPA must be considered "passing" or "in good academic standing" by their respective program both current and cumulative.

d. Duties and Attendance

i. Senators are required to attend all SGA meetings and are allowed two total unexcused absences per year. Absences may be excluded based on conflicting class and clinical rotations. All other absences will be considered unexcused, unless decided otherwise by the Executive Council.

ii. Following the second unexcused absence, the offending Senator will be notified by the Vice President of Operations that they must meet with the EC prior to the next consecutive SGA meeting.

iii. Senators will abide by all the regulations stated in the Senate By-Laws.

iv. Each Senator will be required to participate in a minimum number of community service events/hours as designated by the EC and as organized by the Community Service Committee.

v. Each Senator will be required to participate in a minimum of SGA awareness events/hours as designated by the EC as organized by the Public Relations Committee.

vi. Each Senator will be required to serve on one of the standing committees, and may serve on any ad-hoc committees as they are formed.

vii. Senators found delinquent in their attendance, community service or SGA awareness
requirements shall be deemed to be in bad standing and must meet with the EC on an agreed-upon date to discuss appropriate consequences. Consequences may include dismissal from the SGA and/or a letter to the dean of their respective school.

viii. Senators that are in bad standing at the end of the academic year are ineligible to return as a senator the following year, or to run for reelection.

Article VII: Committees

A. El Paso - Standing Committees
   a. Standing Committees shall be populated annually according to the By-Laws by duly elected El Paso Senators on a volunteer or appointment basis as determined by the VP of Operations.
   b. All Standing Committees shall be chaired by a current member of the relevant committee, unless chaired by an EC member as described herein.
   c. Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the members of each committee no later than the second meeting of the SGA in an academic calendar year.
   d. Social Committee

   e. Public Relations and Social Committee
      i. Shall be responsible for coordinating with TTUHSCCEP SGA, and other, related announcements, via the Tech View.
      ii. Shall organize and oversee all SGA Awareness events.
      iii. Shall maintain tracking of all SGA Awareness credits for all El Paso Senators and determine Senator standing based on SGA Awareness compliance.
      iv. Shall make announcements through Student Services regarding SGA, and other, events.
   
   V. Shall coordinate and publicize the social functions of the SGA on the El Paso campus.
   vi. Shall coordinate with Assistant VP of Student Services and Executive Council on all SGA sponsored social events.
   vii. The Chair shall report on a monthly basis to the VP of Operations, and coordinate with the VP of Operations to determine Senator standing.

f. Community Service
   i. Shall be responsible for researching, scheduling and conducting all community service events.
   ii. Shall coordinate and publicize the community service functions on the El Paso campus.
   iii. Shall maintain a record of all community service attendance and events in which Senators participate.
iv. The Chair shall report on a monthly basis to the VP of Operations, and coordinate with the VP of Operations to determine Senator standing.

g. Finance and Scholarship Committee
   i. Shall be comprised of 4 individuals as follows:
      1. Shall be chaired by the VP of Finance.
         a. The VP of Finance shall act as an overseer and coordinator but shall have no voting power in the committee.
      2. In order to insure equitable disbursal of SGA special projects funds, the Finance Committee shall be populated by Senators drawn from each El Paso School (1 from Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, 1 from Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing and 1 from Graduate school of Biomedical Sciences)
   ii. Shall discuss, approve and disperse allotted special projects funds to all registered student organizations in an equitable manner.
   iii. In the event that there is a deadlock within the committee in regards to any issue, the VP of Finance shall cast the deciding vote.
   iv. In the event that there is a deadlock, and the VP of Finance is deciding on funding pertinent to his respective school or a registered organizations in which he is a member, then the President shall be called on to cast the deciding vote.
   v. Shall coordinate with the Alumni Office and/or Student Services in all efforts to fund-raise for and coordinate scholarships and events

h. Operations Committee
   i. Shall be chaired by the VP of Operations.
   ii. Shall be populated in accordance with SGA By-Laws.
   iii. Shall be responsible for assisting the VP of Operations in administering all SGA elections.
   iv. One member on a monthly rotating basis shall assist in maintaining the SGA calendar.
   v. One member on a monthly rotating basis shall record meeting minutes and report them to Student Services.
   vi. Shall debate any and all changes made to the SGA Constitution prior to alterations being brought before the floor of the Senate.

B. El Paso Ad-Hoc Committees
   a. Shall be formed by the EC on a situational basis.
   b. Shall be terminated at the end of the academic year or at the project's completion, whichever is first.
c. Shall determine internally a chairperson prior to any other discussions.

Article VIII: Petitions from the student body

A. The SGA will hear concerns from students on a petition basis in a first-come first-served manner.
B. Petitions concerning changes in SGA organization, representation ratios, creation of student organizations with the desire to be funded via the SGA, and other actions that affect the TTUHSCEP system at large must be presented to the EC with signatures of 10% of the student body no later than 2 weeks prior to presentation for vote at the SGA floor.
C. All other petitions must be presented to the EC, without the need for signatures, no later than 2 weeks prior to presentation for vote at the SGA floor.
D. Petitions shall be presented to the SGA senate meeting by the author of the petition.
E. A 2/3 vote on any petition is required for action to be taken by the SGA in regards to that petition.
F. Upon hearing the presentation of any petition, the Senators will have the opportunity to vet via question or other investigatory process the petition and the author of that petition.
G. The EC will determine whether any petitions that are presented as 'emergencies' reach the SGA floor if presented less than two weeks prior to a meeting date.

Article IX: Speakers

A. Any EC member or Senator of the SGA, TTUHSCEP student, TTUHSCEP Faculty or staff, may present themselves to speak before the SGA floor or may bring a third party to the SGA floor to speak.
B. All speakers must be approved by the Executive Council no later than 3 days prior to a scheduled SGA meeting.

Article XI: Meetings

A. The EC shall determine all meeting dates prior to the start of the academic year.
B. Additional meetings that may need to be called shall be announced at least two weeks ahead of time.
C. Meetings shall be held at least quarterly on the agreed-upon dates.
D. All meetings shall be open to the public.
E. Committee meetings shall be held as often as necessary to conduct their respective duties and business.
F. Quorum must be present (2/3 attendance) in order to conduct business and for voting purposes

Article XII: Constitutional Amendments

A. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the President and the VP of Operations no later than 3 days prior to its introduction to the Senate.
B. Proposed amendments may be brought to the SGA President by any Executive Officer or Senator in good standing.
C. Amendments shall be introduced to the Senate and all discussions and voting shall be postponed until the following meeting.
D. Amendments and By-Law changes must be approved by two-thirds majority vote.
E. All voting shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules.
F. Shall become effective immediately upon ratification.
G. The constitution is required to be re-evaluated for amendment at least bi-annually.

Article XIII: Inter-semester Functions

A. The EC shall serve as the active Senate between semesters.
B. The EC shall not have the power to enact changes to the Constitution during the inter-semester periods.
C. The EC shall not have the power to decide on the distribution of SGA monies during inter-semester periods.

Article XIV: Oath of Office

All elected Senators and Executive Officers shall take the following oath upon being installed, to be administered by the President or an individual appointed by the President:

"I do hereby solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the duties of my office and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso and the rules and regulations thereof."
**Introduction to Robert’s Rules of Order**

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**What Is Parliamentary Procedure?**

It is a set of rules for conduct at meetings, which allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion.

**Why is Parliamentary Procedure Important?**

Because it’s a time tested method of conducting business at meetings and public gatherings. It can be adapted to fit the needs of any organization. Today, Robert’s Rules of Order newly revised is the basic handbook of operation for most clubs, organizations and other groups. So it’s important that everyone know these basic rules!

Organizations using parliamentary procedure usually follow a fixed order of business. Below is a typical example:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members present.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Officer’s reports.
5. Committee reports.
6. Special orders --- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
7. Unfinished business.
9. Announcements.
10. Adjournment.

The method used by members to express themselves is in the form of moving motions. A motion is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue. Individual members can:

1. Call to order.
2. Second motions.
3. Debate motions.
4. Vote on motions.
There are four Basic Types of Motions:

1. Main Motions: The purpose of a main motion is to introduce items to the membership for their consideration. They cannot be made when any other motion is on the floor, and yield to privileged, subsidiary, and incidental motions.
2. Subsidiary Motions: Their purpose is to change or affect how a main motion is handled, and is voted on before a main motion.
3. Privileged Motions: Their purpose is to bring up items that are urgent about special or important matters unrelated to pending business.
4. Incidental Motions: Their purpose is to provide a means of questioning procedure concerning other motions and must be considered before the other motion.

How are Motions Presented?

1. Obtaining the floor
   a. Wait until the last speaker has finished.
   b. Rise and address the Chairman by saying, “Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President.”
   c. Wait until the Chairman recognizes you.
2. Make Your Motion
   a. Speak in a clear and concise manner.
   b. Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, “I move that we ...” rather than, “I move that we do not ...”
   c. Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
3. Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion
4. Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second.
5. If there is no second to your motion it is lost.
6. The Chairman States Your Motion
   a. The Chairman will say, “It has been moved and seconded that we ...” Thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action.
   b. The membership then either debates your motion, or may move directly to a vote.
   c. Once your motion is presented to the membership by the chairman it becomes “assembly property”, and cannot be changed by you without the consent of the members.
7. Expanding on Your Motion
   a. The time for you to speak in favor of your motion is at this point in time, rather than at the time you present it.
   b. The mover is always allowed to speak first.
   c. All comments and debate must be directed to the chairman.
   d. Keep to the time limit for speaking that has been established.
   e. The mover may speak again only after other speakers are finished, unless called upon by the Chairman.
8. Putting the Question to the Membership
   a. The Chairman asks, “Are you ready to vote on the question?”
   b. If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.
   c. On a motion to move the previous question may be adapted.

Voting on a Motion:

The method of vote on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws
of policy of your organization. There are five methods used to vote by most organizations, they are:

1. By Voice -- The Chairman asks those in favor to say, “Aye”, those opposed to say “no”. Any member may move for an exact count.
2. By Roll Call -- Each member answers “yes” or “no” as his name is called. This method is used when a record of each person’s vote is required.
3. By General Consent -- When a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chairman says, “if there is no objection ...” The membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member says, “I object,” the item must be put to a vote.
4. By Division -- This is a slight verification of a voice vote. It does not require a count unless the chairman so desires. Members raise their hands or stand.
5. By Ballot -- Members write their vote on a slip of paper, this method is used when secrecy is desired.

There are two other motions that are commonly used that relate to voting.

1. Motion to Table -- This motion is often used in the attempt to “kill” a motion. The option is always present, however, to “take from the table”, for reconsideration by the membership.
2. Motion to Postpone Indefinitely -- This is often used as a means of parliamentary strategy and allows opponents of motion to test their strength without an actual vote being taken. Also, debate is once again open on the main motion. Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings. But, it will only work if you use it properly.

1. Allow motions that are in order.
2. Have members obtain the floor properly.
3. Speak clearly and concisely.
4. Obey the rules of debate.

Most importantly, BE COURTEOUS.
I, __________________________ promise to fulfill my duties and obligations as described in the TTUHSCEP SGA Constitution and I understand the consequences if I fail to meet these expectations.

Furthermore, I have read TTUHSCEP OP 52.09, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and understand the policy/procedure of said OP.

________________________________________
Signed

_______________________________
Date
FUNDING HANDBOOK
TTUHSCEP
Student Organizations/Specialty Clubs
Budget & Finance

2016-2017
FUNDING REGULATIONS HANDBOOK

THIS HANDBOOK IS DEVELOPED FOR ORGANIZATIONS AS A SERVICE BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND HSC STUDENT SERVICES. THE REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN THE HANDBOOK ARE THOSE WHICH ARE MOST FREQUENTLY APPLICABLE TO CHANGE.

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Attention:

The policies and procedures found within this Funding Handbook apply only to the use of funds allocated to your organization by the Student Government Association.
This handbook is designed to explain many of the standards that have been established to provide for a consistent documentation of expenditures. This documentation of expenditures is both necessary and appropriate in order to make qualified responses to official inquires from such offices as the Internal Revenue Service, State of Texas Auditors, TTUHSCEP Administration and the Board of Regents. The regulations set forth in this publication are in compliance with the policies approved by the Texas Tech System Board of Regents.

Should your advisor or any officers change during the year, please contact HSC Student Services in Room 2C400 and the Student Government Association, Room 2C440.

In addition to the rules applied by the Board of Regents, the Senate Committee on Budget and Finance has prescribed further conditions, limitations, rules and procedures for allocated funds. These same regulations are outlined in the Funding Regulations Handbook.

The Budget and Finance Committee recognizes that Lubbock students attending Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are required to pay a student service fee. A portion of this fee is allocated to qualified organizations through the Student Senate Appropriations Bill and through the funding process. However, this allocation does not provide sufficient funds to support all the activities of every organization. Accordingly, the reallocation of such funds is a judgment process undertaken by the Committee within the framework of an overall philosophy that includes that student service fees are allocated to qualified organizations to supplement their activities, not as sole support for the organizations.

You may contact the Student Government Association office for further information by calling 743-1619, visiting our website at http://student.ttuhsce.edu/sga or by stopping by HSC Student Services, Room 2C400. We look forward to serving you and wish your organization a successful year!

Sincerely,

Jane Gilmore
Vice President of Finance

Cheyenne Mangold
President
2016 – 2017 CALENDAR

March 1, 2017  Deadline for Budget 2017-2018 for Student Organizations/Specialty Clubs
              Deadline for 2017-2018 Slate of Officers

Budget deadline will be strictly enforced for the 2017-2018 year, as the SGA Finance Committee is transitioning to setting Student Organization/Specialty Club budgets at an earlier date.

There will be one (1) Budget Orientation typically held in the fall to instruct the incoming president and treasurer of each organization/specialty club regarding the Funding Regulations Handbook. Future meetings will be determined by the SGA Finance Committee on a need basis only.
REGISTRATION WITH HSC STUDENT SERVICES

♦ All student organizations and specialty clubs are required to renew their registration with HSC Student Services, Room 2C400 each fiscal year.

♦ Officers and advisors should make sure their organization has completed all the registration requirements and attended the required Budget Orientation & Dissemination of Funding workshop. Check with HSC Student Services in Room 2C400 for time and location of the workshop.

♦ All out going officers should make sure incoming officers are aware of the registration policies and have all of this information.

♦ Application for funding from the Student Government Association cannot be accepted if your organization is not registered with HSC Student Services.

♦ Funds allocated to your organization/specialty club CANNOT be utilized if your organization/specialty club is not registered with HSC Student Services or if your organization is not in good standing with HSC Student Services.

Definitions:

♦ Student Organization: a group of students, registered with HSC Student Services, and has a national or state affiliation.

♦ Specialty Club: a student run group, registered with HSC Student Services, with a special interest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: SGA Office @ 743-1619 or HSC Student Services @ 743-2300.
Student Government Association Funding

The Student Government Association administers the allocation of a portion of Student Service Fees. Student Service Fees are collected by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center as a component of tuition and fees.

The Student Senate administers the allocation of the portion of funds received by the Student Government Association for allocation to student organizations. This allocation takes place through a very strict budget process, where annual amounts are allocated to supplement the budgets of student groups throughout the fiscal year. Allocation may also occur through the Special Projects Request process, which furnishes emergency funds to organizations for needs not anticipated during the budget process at the discretion of the Student Government Association Budget & Finance Committee.

The Student Government Association office is available to answer any question, concerns, or problems you may have. Feel free to contact any of the officers at 743-1619 or visit HSC Student Services, Room 2C400 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

About the Funding Regulations Handbook

I. Purpose of the Funding Regulations Handbook

This manual is written for the financial officer of the registered student organization or specialty club and their advisors to inform them of the policies and procedures of the TTUHSCEP SGA so that they can manage their TTUHSCEP SGA funding efficiently. This handbook covers the basic financial policies of the TTUHSCEP SGA and outlines the responsibilities, restrictions, and penalties related to the use of TTUHSCEP SGA funds. The manual will be updated as changes occur.

II. Authority and Effect of the Funding Regulations Handbook

The policies and procedures outlined in this manual are a compilation of the rules and laws that govern the operation of the funds allocated by the TTUHSCEP SGA. There are rules, policies, procedures, and laws that govern these funds that extend beyond the policies of the TTUHSCEP SGA to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center policies, state, and federal law. Failure to comply with the procedures and rules laid out in this handbook may result in the permanent refusal of TTUHSCEP SGA funding to an organization/specialty club. These regulations are in place to prevent the misuse of TTUHSCEP SGA allocated funds and to provide equal access for all students to the benefits of TTUHSCEP SGA funding.
III. Duties of Student Government Association Funded Organizations/Specialty Clubs

A. Each organization/specialty club funded through the TTUHSCEP SGA must obtain a copy of and is responsible for compliance with the TTUHSCEP SGA Funding Regulations Handbook and the TTUHSCEP SGA regulations regarding funding allocation and transactions. This handbook can be accessed at:


B. Financial officers of each organization/specialty club must turn over all financial materials to their successors and make them aware of all policies and procedures at the end of their term in office.

C. Financial officers are required to participate in financial training, which is arranged by the SGA Vice President of Finance.

D. Notify the TUHSC SGA of any officer or advisor changes through org-sync.

IV. Student Government Association Funding General Guidelines

A. The organization must be officially registered with HSC Student Services. Any unregistered organization/specialty club or any organization/specialty club not in good standing with the HSC Student Services may not submit any reimbursement, payment, or travel request.

B. Organizations must re-register each year to complete eligibility requirements.

C. The President, Treasurer, and Advisor of each organization/specialty club are required to sign the Funding Contract. Signature acknowledges understanding and agrees to comply with TTUHSCEP SGA funding policies and procedures.

D. All required forms are included in the Appendix of the Funding Regulations Handbook and may also be found in HSC Student Services, Room 2C400.

E. Student organizations/specialty clubs founded at a regional campus or are identified as off-campus will not be eligible for Student Services fee funding.

V. Deadlines


Purchases must be completed by the deadline date. The practice of pre-ordering items will not be permitted.

VI. Restrictions

A. Organizations not registered by the last class day of the FALL semester will forfeit 1/3 of their allocation

B. Organizations not registered by the last class day of the SPRING semester will forfeit an additional 1/3 of their original allocation.

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE DEADLINES
SGA FINANCIAL PROCESS

I. Budgets

Every student organization/specialty club who meets eligibility requirements may submit a request for Senate funding on an announced date each year. A budget proposal which represents the total funding requests of the student organization within the Health Sciences Center will be submitted by the Vice President of Finance of the HSC SGA to the TTU/TTUHSCEP Student Service Fee Committee at the appointed time. This form is submitted through the OrgSync.

The budget process is the primary means by which funds are allocated by the TTUHSCEP SGA to student organizations/specialty clubs.

Student organization/specialty clubs typically will be notified of their annual budget allocations during the fall semester at the Budget Orientation & Dissemination of Funding workshop.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING ELIGIBILITY:

1. The organization/specialty club must be officially registered with the Office of HSC Student Services, 2C400.
2. A current copy of the organization’s or specialty club’s constitution must be on file and must state that membership is open to all HSC students.
3. The organization/specialty club must have a current and complete “Slate of Officer” form, Constitution and/or By-Laws, and a Membership Roster on file.
4. Organizations/Specialty Clubs are not eligible for more than a 10% increase from one funding year to the next.

II. Financial Statement

Financial Statements for registered student organization/specialty clubs are available through the OrgSync portal.

III. Senate Funding Allocation Guidelines

1. The Student Senate Finance Committee shall review all financial statements from the applying Organizations/Specialty Clubs in making allocations. The following things should be considered for allocation purposes:
   a. Bringing recognition to and enhancing the image of TTUHSCEP
   b. Community Service and Involvement
   c. Providing academic opportunities for TTUHSCEP students
   d. Providing support for cultural activities, speakers, and conventions
   e. Number of active members
   f. Financial support from other sources
2. Organizations/Specialty Clubs are not eligible for more than a 10% increase or decrease from one funding year to the next.
3. If an Organizations/Specialty Club does not use all of its allocated funds, a 50% deduction of the remaining funds will be applied to the following year.

4. The Finance Committee shall write the Funding Bill to be presented to the Student Senate as a whole for its approval no later than the second-to-last meetings of the Student Senate.

5. The final vote for approval from the Student Senate shall be held at the final meetings of the year.

6. With the recommendation of the Finance Committee, senators may amend the Funding Bill subject to approval of the Senate.

IV. Special Request Process

1. 15% of the total trip funds must come from the individual student or group, either via clubs own dues, fundraising, or out of pocket. At least one fundraising event must be documented and included with the Special Projects Request to be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

2. A written report with a detailed list of projected expenditures (meals, gas per mile, hotel fee, and conference fee if applicable) must be given to SGA finance committee at least two weeks in advance before said trip. SGA requires at least two weeks in advance in order to assure that the request will be reviewed before the bimonthly SGA meetings.

3. A copy of all receipts must be returned to SGA after the organizations returns from their trip in order to insure that the club used requested funds, and used them properly. Any funds not accounted for by receipt(s) must be returned to SGA.

4. If an organization requests funds retroactively, they must fill out a written reported with a detailed list of expenditures and receipts for those expenditures must be provided.

5. Requests for reimbursements will follow state’s reimbursement guidelines.

6. Exceptions to these guidelines will be made based on the availability to which the organization travels, and the decision will be made by the SGA finance committee after review.

7. This process exists to allow allocation of funds throughout the year for events or projects not previously budgeted for.

8. The Special Projects Fund is under the management of the SGA Vice President of Finance and the Student Senate Budget & Finance Committee.

9. An organization's/specialty club’s need for requesting additional funding must be due to an unexpected opportunity or expense.

10. Student Organizations/Specialty Clubs must comply with all rules and provisions of the Funding Regulations Handbook.

11. All requesting groups must exhaust all other external funding sources before seeking funds from the Special Projects Fund.

12. Brand new organizations/specialty clubs (have not applied for funding in 3 years) are only eligible for up to $500 of contingency funding.

13. Organizations/Specialty Clubs will be considered “First Year Organizations/Specialty Clubs” and subject to the first year cap if one of the following applies:
14. Organizations/Specialty Clubs are exempt from the first year cap if one of the following applies:
   i. If an organization/specialty club only applies for funding every other year.
   ii. If an organization skips a year of funding. However, if the organization/specialty club will be eligible for funding up to the same amount as the last year they were funded, but will not be eligible for an increase.

15. The process for requesting these funds are as follows:
   i. Funds must be requested at least 2 weeks before the event is scheduled to occur or at least two weeks before the last Senate meeting of the year, whichever is earlier.
   ii. Draft a memo describing the nature of the expenditure, the estimated amount of the expenditure, and the benefit to the organization and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
   iii. Complete a “Request for Additional Funding – Special Projects Fund” form, which is available in the orgsync portal.
   iv. Submit this request via the orgsync portal. A copy of this packet should be submitted to the Unit Manager for Student Services for verification of expenditures.
   v. The Finance Committee will review the request and submit its recommendation to the Student Senate for Final Approval.
   vi. The organization/specialty club may be asked to present their request for additional funding to the Senate.
   vii. The organization/specialty club will be notified by e-mail when a decision is made regarding the request.
   viii. Funds up to the allocated amount will be reimbursed in accordance with the contingencies placed on them as well as the guidelines in the “General Reimbursements” section.


V. Violations & Penalties

Failure to abide by these regulations may cause cancellation of all remaining funds to your organization as well as your organization, advisors, and officers assuming full liability for all expenditures past, present, and future, and automatically subject your organization to future funding probation and/or suspension.

Failure to abide by these regulations may permanently jeopardize your organization’s ability to receive funding from the SGA.
If your organization fails to abide by the established process by which all reimbursements are made, your reimbursement may be denied by the Student Government Association and/or the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and/or Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Accounting Services.

***Under no circumstances can the SGA reimburse a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center department, Procurement Card, or Corporate Travel Card. These policies are in place due to restrictions placed on the SGA through federal and state law, as well as University policy.***

All reimbursements will be paid to individuals/organizations only and may not be used by the organization to reimburse the department.
GENERAL REIMBURSEMENTS

PRIOR TO GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT:

1. Refer to Funding Regulations Handbook to ensure compliance.
2. Every funded organization/specialty club MUST be registered with HSC Student Services, (2C400) each year. This is accomplished by having a current “Slate of Officers” form, updated Constitution and/or By-Laws, and Complete Membership Roster on file in HSC Student Services.
3. Any request for reimbursement from student organization funding must be in accordance with guidelines and the organization’s budget request.
4. Cash advances are not permitted. In other words, you must first spend the money and then file a request for reimbursement.
5. Your request for reimbursement must be made within (5) working days after the expense is incurred or your request for reimbursement may be denied.
6. You MUST have an original, valid receipt or invoice for every expense to obtain reimbursement.
7. All forms contained in this Handbook may be photocopied for the organization/specialty club’s use. Copies may also be obtained from HSC Student Services, Room 2C400.
8. No reimbursements will be made from SGA allocations after AUGUST 5 of the current fiscal year. Student organizations or specialty clubs are expected to process any outstanding expenses by this date.
9. Please be prepared to provide a memo for any questionable items.
10. Reimbursement checks will be made payable in the name of the individual incurring the cost, organization, specialty club or to the vendor requesting payment.
11. Please allow at least 2 weeks to receive your reimbursement and your payment will either be by direct deposit or sent to your address on file.
12. If you have any questions about a reimbursement, please call HSC Student Services at 743-2300 or e-mail studentservices@ttuhsc.edu.

Activities/Purchases which CANNOT BE FUNDED include (but not limited to):

A. Alcoholic beverages
B. Lobbying
C. Religious Activities and Materials
D. Support of a candidate for public office.
E. Loans, gifts, gift certificates, scholarships, awards, or prizes. (This does not apply to plaques, certificates, trophies or banquets intended to recognize achievement and service.)
F. Paintings, prints, fixtures, or furniture to decorate offices.
G. Computers, printers, scanners, digital cameras, or hardware.
H. Club sports or any intramural expenses.
I. VCR rentals/videos/tapes.
J. National biased material (any campaign material promoting a candidate for public office).
K. Donations of any kind.
L. Books, Handbooks, or Textbooks unless authorized by the Vice President for Student Services.
M. We will not reimburse organizations for speakers travel expenses or speaker fees. These expenses are reimbursed to the speaker only. Please contact HSC Student Services prior to the event to purchase the speakers’ travel/hotel arrangements.
N. Membership dues for your local, state, or national affiliations.

SUBMISSION OF GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT

1. In order to be reimbursed a completed “General Reimbursement” form must be submitted with ALL original receipts, invoices or other necessary supporting documentation. (See Attachment B) All accompanying documentation must be readable and of high quality or it will be returned as unacceptable.
2. Only students who have paid student service fees may be reimbursed with student services monies for travel or any other expenditure.
3. HSC Student Services will verify the accuracy and validity of the accompanying documentation prepare actual payment vouchers and submit to the TTUHSCEP Office of Accounting Services for reimbursement.
4. IMPORTANT: REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOOD OR REFRESHMENTS FROM STUDENT SERVICE FEES MONIES MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO THE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO THE EVENT. (See section entitled “Food Allowance”).
5. The HSC offers a variety of services beneficial to your organization/specialty club. These services include mail, printing, and copying services. You may use the General Reimbursement Form (Attachment B) for these charges. The completed form MUST be submitted to the designated department before services can be rendered. The costs of these services will be directly deducted from your organization account without requiring further documentation.
PROFESSIONAL AND/OR SPEAKER SERVICES

Speaker Payment Procedure:

1. **Campus organization/specialty club Contract for Speakers Form:** This form must be completed and signed prior to reimbursement. All **ORIGINAL** documentation (e.g., airline tickets, lodging, meal receipts) must accompany this form and be turned into the Office of Student Services no later than 10 days after the event in order for reimbursement to be made to the speaker.

2. **Independent Contractor Questionnaire:** This form must be filled out for each Speaker prior to payment/reimbursement. Payments/reimbursements will not be made to the Speaker(s) without this form.

3. The Senate CANNOT give cash advances for speaker’s fees or expenses incurred in bringing a speaker to campus. For reimbursement of such expenses, a **W-9** form and a “Contract for Speakers” form must be completed and accompanied by all supporting documents (e.g., plane, hotel or dining receipts). (See Attachment D.)

4. Only speakers can be reimbursed for speaker fees (based on Form 1099 of the Internal Revenue Service).

5. Student service fee monies can be used to reimburse the speaker for meals personally incurred in conjunction with a presentation made to the organization. Any other food expenses (banquets, receptions, etc.) will not be reimbursed.

6. The Student Government Association cannot be used to reimburse expenses or fees for speakers who are Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Texas Tech University employees.

**Special Notes:**

- The TTUHSCEP SGA must pay the speaker directly for their professional/speaker fees.
- Only speakers, not organization/specialty club, can be reimbursed for the speaker’s travel, lodging, and meal expenses.
- A speakers’ reimbursement is based on information received from the Internal Revenue Service. See #3 for information.
- The Student Government Association cannot reimburse expenses or fees for speakers who are Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Texas Tech University employees.
- **Special Requirement for payment to speakers or professionals who are not US Citizens or permanent resident aliens.**

1. All payments must meet “eligibility for payment” rules set by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The immigration rules are based on the visitor’s immigration status (visa type) on the I-94 card, number of days performing services in the U.S. and the type of payment being made to the visitor. You must contact Bob Crosier in the Office of International Affairs at (806-742-3667) before inviting the Nonresident Alien visitor to campus to ensure that the visitor will have a payable visa type. Bob will need to know the following information:
The visitor’s country of citizenship
The expected arrival date on campus
The expected immigration status
The expected number of days the visitor will perform the service
The type of payment being made

2. When the nonresident alien visitor arrives in the United States, make copies of the following documents and immediately fax them over to Bob Crosier at (806-742-1286). Bob will fax an approval or disapproval to the Office of Tax Compliance. The Office of Tax Compliance will then notify the department whether or not they can make a payment to the foreign visitor.

- Copy of the I-94 Card (Small white card issued at the port of entry to the U.S. indicating the status of the person entering and the length of stay allowed.) or I-94W Card (Small green version of the I-94 issued to persons entering the United States on the visa waiver program.)
- Passport Pages with the Visa stamp
- General Information/Picture ID page
- The Pink IAP-66 Form for J-1 Visa Holders (An immigration document issued to a J-1 Exchange Visitor. After processing at the port of entry, the nonresident alien should have the pink copy. This form indicates the names of the sponsoring school, the activity of the participant, and the dates of the program.)

3. Many countries have income tax treaties with the United States which were developed specifically to encourage the exchange of information and business. Tax treaties allow nonresident aliens to be exempt from U.S. income tax withholding but only if the proper procedures are followed to claim a tax treaty benefit. If there is a tax treaty for the individual’s country of residence and there is a provision for “independent personal services”, then the Nonresident Alien visitor will need to complete IRS Form 8233 and must have a taxpayer identification number in order to claim a tax treaty benefit. Contact the Office of Tax Compliance to determine if a tax treaty exits for the individual. If the Nonresident Alien is eligible for tax treaty benefit, we will not have to withhold 30% income tax from his payment. If the Nonresident Alien visitor is going to be paid an honorarium and he is going to claim a tax treaty benefit and the Nonresident Alien visitor does not have a United States Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, you will need to immediately take the Nonresident Alien to the Office of Tax Compliance at Drane Hall Room 106 (or Bob Crosier’s office) to help the visitor complete the Form W-7 Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). This must be done in person.

4. The following three pieces of information will need to be sent to the Office of Tax Compliance at Drane Hall 106 at the same time the above information in Section 2 is sent to the Office of International Affairs. Should you have any questions or need to fax the information; the Office of Tax Compliance can be reached at 806-742-3255-Phone or 806-742-0066-Fax.

- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (e.g. copy of social security card, ITIN card, or Form W-7 Application for the IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number that was obtained
from the Office of Tax Compliance or the Office of International Affairs in person).
IRS Form 8233 (December 2001) Exemption from Withholding on Compensation for Independent Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual (to determine if this form is needed, contact the Office of Tax Compliance to verify there is a treaty with the nonresident aliens country)
Foreign National Information Form (to be completed by the nonresident alien)
5. Please bring all of the previous documentation to the Assistant Director in the Office of Student Services to complete the payment.

If you have questions, please contact HSC Student Services, 806/743-2300.
FOOD EXPENDITURES

No more than two (2) payments for food for meetings per fiscal year will come out of your student organization/specialty clubs' budget allocated by the VP of Finance and approved by the Student Senate. The meetings can either be two (2) in the fall, two (2) in the spring or one (1) in the fall and one (1) in the spring. A $7.00 per person cap applies based on the RSVP listed submitted. An email submitted through orgsync must be submitted at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting which will include: 1) an RSVP list of members that have signed up to attend the meeting, 2) vendor name, 3) contact name; 4) telephone number; anem the order is under; and 5) speaker name and topic. The amount of the reimbursable cost will be based on the number of members that have signed the RSVP list X $7.00. RECEIPTS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING HAS OCCURRED.

Student Organizations/Specialty Clubs may appeal to the TTUSHC SGA Budget & Finance Committee for awarding of additional funding for events outside the two (2) allowed meetings. Examples of events include, but are not limited to the following:

- a well-known speaker from off-campus
- events that appeal to a larger segment of the HSC populations (beyond the scope of a single student organization/specialty club
- annual events

State mandates the use of a procurement card whenever possible, therefore your organization needs to comply with the following guidelines.

- Select a food provider that honors MasterCard and will take the credit card number over the phone.
- Contact HSC Student Services with information prior to the purchase by submitting the form through the orgsync portal.
- Payment can be done by either having the vendor contact HSC Student Services @ 806-743-2300 OR a representative for the Office of Student Services calling the vendor to obtain the necessary information to complete the MasterCard transaction.

No student service fee monies can be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

1. Events that are anticipated to exceed $500 or more MUST HAVE PRIOR approval from the Ass’t Vice President for Student Services before the event is to occur. (See Attachment G) AND a Preapproval Form, HSC OP 72.13 (Attachment H) 90 days prior to the event. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION MAY JEOPARDIZE FUNDING FOR THE EVENT.
2. A “Facilities Use Form” located at http://www.ttuhsc.edu/studentservices/hscfacility.htm MUST BE filled out AT LEAST 7 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR MEETING and turned into HSC Student Services
upon reserving the room for your meeting.

3. Any person attending a meeting and has requested a meal is required to attend the meeting and stay until the meeting ends or until the scheduled time for the meeting has elapsed, whichever comes first.

4. The officers of the student organization/specialty club are required to enforce the attendance policy as outlined in the food section. The officers shall work to place food lines so that students cannot easily take food and leave the meeting (i.e. have the serving tables funnel into the meeting room, etc.

5. Dues from off-campus accounts may be used towards the purchase of food for meetings.

6. Vendors that do not take the procurement card over the telephone to pay for food will need to be paid for by the organization/club and then reimbursed after the meeting has occurred.

*Caution: Business meetings MUST include a speaker and agenda if providing food.
**TRAVEL POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY THE STUDENT SENATE AND HSC STUDENT SERVICES**

******IMPORTANT******

Failure to abide by these regulations may result in your organization and/or its members assuming full liability for all expenditures, past, present, and future, and will automatically subject your organization to future funding probation.

PRIOR to any travel reimbursement from the SGA Senate, the student organization/specialty club officers shall submit a list of approved travelers to HSC Student Services. The officers are responsible to keep this list current.

Student Organizations or Specialty Clubs may request special funding from the Senate Budget & Finance Committee. Funding requests must be justified by the organization/specialty club officers. The Senate Budget & Finance Committee will review and award on a case by case basis if the organization/specialty club has exceeded their allocation. Any stipulations for reimbursement to travelers MUST be adhered to within the regulations set forth in the Funding Regulations Handbook.

Student Organizations must submit a list of members that are holding an office at the state and/or national level to HSC Student Services. They are also responsible in keeping this list current.

In accordance with IRS regulations, any travel voucher not approved by the Travel Office that is over 60 days old will be taxable to the traveler. The Travel System will calculate based on the trip end date and will automatically record the taxable expense to Payroll.

1. Pursuant to TTUHSCEP OP 77.08, Student Travel Policy, students are required to fill out the Travel Release and Indemnification Agreement and Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Forms (See Attachments E and F) for any travel that is more than 25 miles from the Health Sciences Center AND must be submitted to the Office of Student Services before the travel is to occur. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION MAY JEOPARDIZE FUNDING FOR THE EVENT.**
2. Student service fee monies may be used for travel to conferences or workshops.
3. Your request for travel reimbursement from your allocated funds **MUST** be for travel expenses that are in accordance with your allocation’s specific restrictions and the institution’s travel policy (OP 79.06). These restrictions are disclosed to your organization at the same time you are informed of the amount of your allocation.
4. Hotel, airline, and rental car arrangements can be made through HSC Student Services if a traveler does not have adequate funding available and cannot wait for personal reimbursements (usually 7-10 days after the Travel Voucher is received in HSC Student Services).

**NOTE:** The Travel Office of the Health Sciences Center DOES NOT
allow for one (1) person to pay for a room shared by more than one (1) person OR for rooms they did not stay in. Each person sharing a room **MUST** pay for their share of the room at departure from the hotel. The hotel will accommodate this practice and each person **MUST** get a hotel receipt and turn in the receipt for reimbursement.

5. The Student Senate **SUBSIDIZES** student travel expenses as follows:
   a. Lodging at the actual expense up to a maximum of $85.00 per day per person for In-State Lodging. Contact HSC Student Services for Out-of-State allowances.
   b. Meals at the actual expense up to a maximum of $36.00 per day per person.
   c. Transportation based on the following:
      1. Gas expenses if renting a vehicle.
      2. State of Texas **WILL NOT** reimburse insurance paid on rented vehicles (OP 82.06 Vol. II).
      3. Payment for Contracted Airfare (if contract is in effect. If no Contract is available, then total airfare if traveling by commercial airlines.)
   d. Local telephone calls and long distance calls **WILL NOT** be reimbursed.
   e. If an organization needs early registration fees paid, please contact HSC Student Services.

6. If the traveler is attending the event after they have graduated from TTUHSC, a Travel Voucher **MUST** be filled out prior to graduation. (This is because you need to have a valid e-raider address on file to be reimbursed for travel expenses.)

7. Upon returning from your trip, traveler must complete and submit the “Travel Voucher” form (Attachment D) with all receipts and supporting documents. Signatures of Traveler, Organization/Specialty Club President and/or Treasurer are needed for reimbursement to occur. Failure to sign the form will result in delays for getting reimbursed. **Travel reimbursement must be within the same fiscal year as the travel occurred.**

**Receipts and Support Documentation – All receipts **MUST** BE the original receipts AND Supporting Documentation **MUST** include a copy of the workshop or conference’s agenda listing dates and times of meetings.**

9. Upon returning from your trip, an organization may be required to make a brief presentation to the Senate.

10. **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:** International Travel **must be** approved prior to departure date. Reimbursement will not be approved if this is not adhered to. Please check with the Vice President for Student Services at least 3 months prior to any anticipated International Travel for proper procedures to follow.

11. For organizations/specialty clubs that have members from the TTU academic campus, monies can be used to pay for registration to a conference.
12. On-line booking agencies, such as Orbitz, Priceline, Expedia, Hotels.com will not be utilized by the Office of Student Services to book airlines or hotels.

**SPECIAL NOTES**

Guidelines Concerning Safe Travel Practices.

a. Each administrative unit approving University-related travel, especially travel that involves students, is encouraged to promulgate guidelines that encourage safe driving and minimize risks of injury during that travel.

b. Registered student organizations are free to make such off-campus trips as are deemed worthwhile by the membership and sponsors of the organization. Participation in such off-campus trips and activities is at the students’ own risk. If personal injury or accident should occur to students or other persons during such activities, TTUHSCEP will assume no responsibility, financial or otherwise.

c. Faculty and staff sponsors and organization officers are urged to take all possible precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of all persons participating in off-campus activities.

d. There is no official registration procedure for official off-campus trips, and there are no official excused class absences for students who participate in off-campus trips sponsored by student organizations. Students will be responsible for making their own individual arrangements with instructors for class work missed while participating in an off-campus trip. Instructors may set their own requirements for class work missed under such circumstances; they must grant students an opportunity to make up all course work missed while participating in an official off-campus trip.

*All travel payments are at the discretion and the organization/specialty club officers’ approval.*
Additional Rules & Regulations

Use of TTUHSCEP Logo:

All t-shirt designs, along with any other product that will have the TTUHSCEP logo MUST be approved by the Office of Communication & Marketing before printing. Submission of these designs can be sent to Deidra Satterwhite at Deidra.satterwhite@ttuhsc.edu. The logo approval will then be sent to the appropriate personnel and notification will be sent once a response is received.

Facilities Use Policies:

- TTUHSCEP Operating Policy 61.07 must be completed seven university business days prior to the event. (website: http://www.fiscal.ttuhscep.edu/plant/use_premises.aspx)
- Food policies MUST be followed (see attachment 9/26/03).
- No classrooms are to be used as study areas.
- Doors to the Academic Classroom building will be locked at 5:30 p.m. by the police department (Rooms 260 A-K)
- Doors must not be propped open. Alarm will be set off.
- Temporary collection containers in public areas (see attachment 10/27/03)
- All postings MUST follow HSC OP 61.03.
TTUHSCEP Food Policies for Classroom Updated
9/6/03

1. All catered events must complete Form HSC OP 61.07a seven university working days prior to an event and submitted to the Vice President for Student Services for approval.

2. Responsible groups hosting any meal event must clean up immediately after the event. If the responsible group fails to clean the room and housekeeping or classroom support cleans the rooms, a fee will be charged.

3. No coffee machines are allowed in classrooms.

4. No bins for recycling are allowed in classrooms.

5. No food serving tables will be set up on the stage area of classrooms.

6. No heated appliances or service trays with burners will be:
   ● permitted unless sponsored by a TTU or HSC department.
   ● placed on permanently installed tables or classroom tables.
   Boxes or sack lunches are preferred.
   The classroom tables will not be used as a serving surface for food.

7. Meals served on china are only allowed in the following rooms: 2B480, 2B485, 2B152, ACB250, ACB260E, and ACB260F. Tablecloths are required when china is used.

8. The following rooms have counters that can be used for serving food: 2B480, 2B485, 2B152, and 5A101, and the following rooms have serving tables in them: 2C103, 2C225, 5BC200, and 5BC201.

9. Tables must be cleaned after each event and cleaning supplies will be located in the kitchen. Contact Classroom Support for access to the kitchen at 743-2288.

10. Responsible groups hosting any meal event must clean up immediately after the event. If the responsible group fails to clean the room and housekeeping or classroom support cleans the room, a fee will be charged.

11. Weekend events involving meals will require housekeeping personnel for a minimum of two hours. There is a charge for this service.

12. No food or drink is allowed in the lab.

13. Spills should be reported to Housekeeping at 743-2060 so that the appropriate cleaning may be done.
Policy for using the Courtyard at TTUHSCEP

1. All requests to use the courtyard must follow the guidelines established in HSC OP 61.07. The form HSC OP 61.07a must be completed seven (7) days prior to an event and submitted to the Vice President for Student Services (website: http://www.fiscal.ttuhsc.edu/pplant/use_premises.aspx)

Policy for Use of Temporary Collection Containers in Public Areas

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for collection containers that will be used for clothing and food drives within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must submit a list of phone numbers of individuals responsible for collection of the items and removal of the containers when the event has concluded.
- Must identify location of all containers and the length of time the container will be at the location.
- Must submit a schedule of weekly collection times.
- Container must be plastic and be labeled with name of collection drives and any pertinent information. HSC Student Services has purchased collection containers that student organizations can utilize.

Policy for Use of TouchNet

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for creation of a TouchNet website to collect monies for an event hosted by the organization/specialty club.

Requirements:

- Notification sent to the Office of Student Services of proposed event that will be collection monies. (initial event planning stages)
- Notification sent to Student Services for the implementation of a TouchNet web site 2 weeks prior to requested date for registration to begin.

TouchNet is the on-line payment system that TTUHSCEP utilizes for student organizations/specialty clubs to receive payments for hosted event.
Change in Taxability of Snack Items

Due to a change in law effective Sept. 1, 2013, snack foods are exempt from sales tax, unless they are sold through a vending machine or in individual-sized portions. Snack foods sold through a vending machine or in individual-sized portions are taxable – it doesn’t matter where they are sold or if eating facilities are provided by the seller.

Snack foods include:

- Breakfast bars, granola bars, nutrition bars, protein bars, sports bars or yogurt bars, unless they are labeled and marketed as candy;
- Snack mix or trail mix;
- Nuts, unless candy-coated;
- Popcorn; and
- Chips, crackers or hard pretzels.

Candy, gum and soft drinks are not considered snack foods for sales tax purposes and are taxable regardless of the portion size.

An individual-sized portion is labeled as having not more than one serving; or, if the package does not specify servings, contains less than 2.5 ounces.

This change was created by Senate Bill 1151 (83rd Regular Legislative Session), which amended Section 151.314 of the Texas Tax Code.
The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Student Organization/Specialty Club (full name)

has applied for Student Government Association funding for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. In requesting these funds, the aforementioned organization, the undersigned, and their predecessors and successors in interest (hereafter referred to as “we”) agree to abide by any restriction and requirements placed on them by the Student Government or its Senate Committee on Budget and Finance. In addition, we have read and fully understand the current Funding Regulations Handbook and agree to abide by the rules stated therein. Should our organization/club receive funding, we realize that we will be held responsible for spending our allocation in accordance with the Funding Regulations Handbook and that our organization must receive a copy of this handbook from the Student Government Association Office or online at http://www.ttuhsceu/sga. Failure to do so may result in the withholding of our funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. We understand our failure to follow these or any additional restriction, requirements, or regulations promulgated by the Student Government Association or its Senate Committee on Budget and Finance, may result in our organization losing its funding and assuming full liability for any and all of its expenditures, regardless of whether the Student Government Association has reimbursed our organization for prior expenditures.

Signed:

President (print)

President (sign) Date

Treasurer (print)

Treasurer (sign) Date

University Advisor/Sponsor (print)

University Advisor/Sponsor (sign) Date
Name of Organization/Club: ________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________

Meeting Information

Time: ___________________________ Day: ______________________
Place: ___________________________ # per month: _____________

Officer Information

President’s Name: __________________________________________

Address: ________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-Mail: __________________

Vice President’s Name: _______________________________________

Address: ________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-Mail: __________________

Secretary’s Name: __________________________________________

Address: ________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-Mail: __________________

Treasurer’s Name: __________________________________________

Address: ________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-Mail: __________________

Other Officers: _____________________________________________

When are Officer elections held? ________________________________

Faculty Advisor: ____________________________________________

Submitted by: ______________________________________________
APPENDIX B
Organizations are sometimes faced with unexpected expenditures or unforeseen circumstances for which they have not budgeted and have no source of funding. Under such circumstances, the organization has the option of applying for additional monies from a “Special Projects” account set up to contain the unspent balances of the prior year’s budgets. Student Organizations/Specialty Clubs are required to complete the Request for Additional Funding and submit it to the Senate Budget & Finance Committee through the SGA Vice President of Finance. **In addition, the requesting organization needs to submit an itemized budget estimating expenditures (include supporting documentation).** All requests must follow funding guidelines as outlined in the Funding Regulations Handbook and must be approved before awarding monies; the Senate Budget & Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Student Senate which will approve or disapprove the request.

Student Organization/Specialty Club___________________________________________

Fund Raising monies: $_________________________________________________________

Amount Requested: $ ________

Current Organization/Club Account Balance $____________________

Justification for Additional Funding: ____________________________________________

________________________________________________________

Community Service Project (three (3) required; please include dates:)

________________________________________________________

Requested by: ________________________________________________
Organization/Club President  E-Mail and Phone Number

Requested by: ________________________________________________
Organization/Club Treasurer  E-Mail and Phone Number

Dated: ______________________________

FOR SENATE USE ONLY:
Date of Senate appearance: ______________________________

Approved: ______________________________

Disapproved: ______________________________  Reason: ______________________________

Stipulation: ______________________________

Signed by: ______________________________  Date: ______________________________

Chairperson, Senate Budget & Finance Committee
**A copy of the completed form must be submitted to HSC Student Services by the SGA Vice President of Finance.**
GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT FORM

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO
STUDENT SENATE

ORGANIZATION/CLUB________________________  DATE ____________
ADVISOR_______________________________  PHONE # ____________

Office Supplies:
$_______  What was purchased:  (Please be specific:) ______________________

HSC Mail Services:
  □ Postage  □ Other__________________________  
  (Explanatio of services)

HSC Swift Print:
  □ Copies  □ Transparencies  □ Copy Card
  □ Other__________________________  
  (Explanatio of services)

HSC Printing Center:
  □ Invitations  □ Envelopes  □ Other__________________________
  (Explanatio of services)

Event:
$_______  Description of expenditures: ______________________

Registration:
$_______  Conference Description: ______________________

Other:
$_______  Description: ______________________

$_______  Reimbursement: Individual/Organization/Club  W-9: ___Attached
  ____On File
$_______  Individual Limit as determined by Organization/Club

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:
Name of Payee: ___________________________  Banner R #: ____________
Address: ___________________________  
E-Mail Address: ___________________________  Phone #: ____________
President’s Authorization: ___________  Treasurer’s Authorization: __________
Advisor’s Authorization: ___________________________  (Optional)

Reminder to Organization
Attach ALL original receipts, invoices, or other supporting documentation. All
reimbursements require a completed W-9 Taxpayer Identification Number form, either
attached or on file. Only students who have paid student service fees may be
reimbursed with student service monies for expenditures. HSC Student Services will
verify the accuracy and validity of the accompanying documentation prepare actual
payment vouchers and submit to the TTUHScep Office of Accounting Services for reimbursement. **IMPORTANT** REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOOD OR REFRESHMENTS FROM STUDENT SERVICE FEE MONIES MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO HSC STUDENT SERVICES PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
ATTACHMENT C
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS/SPECIALTY CLUBS CONTRACT FOR SPEAKERS
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO
STUDENT SENATE

Speaker’s Name ___________________________ Presentation Date ___________________________
Social Security Number ___________________________ Sponsoring Organization/Club ___________________________
Home Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip ___________________________

Presentation Topic (Please be specific) __________________________________________________________

Audience __________________________________________________________

*Fee $___________
*Speaker fee must be submitted for processing prior to event.
Reimbursement for:
Travel $____________________
Hotels $____________________
Meals $____________________
TOTAL PAYMENT $____________________ (Attach all original receipts and W-9)

Reimbursement/Payment to be made to: __________________________________________________________
(Organizations/Clubs can only be reimbursed for speaker’s meals)

Speaker’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
President’s Signature ___________________________ Treasurer’s Signature ___________________________

Reminder to Organization/Club
• A “Contract for Speakers” form must be completed and submitted to the Vice President for Student Services 30 days prior to the speaker event.
• A completed W-9 form for the speaker must be attached.
• Only speakers can be reimbursed for speaker fees (based on Form 1099 of the IRS).
• Student service monies can be used to reimburse the speaker for meals personally incurred in conjunction with a presentation made to the organization. Any food expense (banquets, reception, etc.) will not be reimbursed.
• Additional speaker costs i.e. travel, meals, hotel will be reimbursed following the event.
• Original receipts must be submitted to HSC Student Services.
TRAVEL APPLICATION/VOUCHER

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO
STUDENT SENATE

Organization/Club Name ____________________________ Date __________

Traveler’s Name ____________________________ Banner R# __________
Address ____________________________ Phone __________

E-Mail Address ____________________________ Destination ____________________________

Depart From ____________________________ Date __________
To ____________________________ Time __________ am/pm
Return Date ____________________________ Time __________ am/pm

Trip Purpose ____________________________

TRAVEL EXPENSE ITEMIZATION

Airfare: Airline ________ $ ________ Reimbursement Limit __________
**Set by Organization/Club**

Hotel ____________________________ Days @ ________ $ ________
Mileage ____________________________ Miles @ ________ $ ________
Meals ____________________________ Days @ ________ $ ________
Rental Car ____________________________ Days @ ________ $ ________
Taxi ____________________________ Trips @ ________ $ ________
Other ____________________________ $ ________

Total Trip Expense $ __________

Traveler’s Signature ____________________________

President’s Signature ____________________________

Treasurer’s Signature ____________________________

REMINDER TO ORGANIZATION

● All travel receipts must be submitted to HSC Student Services within thirty (30) days of travel.
● Please attach all original receipts and supports documents.
● Allowable travel expenses and required documentation for reimbursement can be obtained at HSC Student Services.
● If you have any questions, please contact HSC Student Services at 743-2300.
As a student of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSCEP) ______________(organization), I have the opportunity to participate in the ______________(activity) located in ______________(city), ______________(state), from ______________(date) through ______________(date).

I, the undersigned, am aware of the dangers associated with travel by motor vehicle, or other conveyance, and the possibility of injuries or death while in transit.

In consideration of being allowed to attend the above mentioned activity, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, its Board of Regents, all the University’s officers, advisors, agents, and employees, as well as the officers, advisors, sponsors and employees of the ______________(name of group sponsoring trip) from any and all liability due to injuries, damage, or death arising or resulting from any act or omission, negligent or otherwise, of said Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center officers, advisors, agents, and employees and other officers or members of the ______________(name of group sponsoring trip), or any other person or other participant in said activity while attending the activity or while in transit to and from the activity. The terms hereof shall also serve as a release and an assumption of risk for my heirs, executor and administrator, and for all members of my family and may be pleaded as a bar to litigation.

I agree to indemnify and hold Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, its Board of Regents, and all of the University’s officers, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all personal injury or damage to property.

I am above the age of 18 years and have read this Release and Indemnification Agreement and accept its terms.

________________________________________  _________________________
Signature of Applicant                      Date

________________________________________  _________________________
Signature of Witness                        Date
I, ___________________________(Name), am a student at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSCEP) and hereby give TTUHSCEP, its representatives, agents, or other responsible party who is a member of ___________________________(Organization, Sponsoring Group) to seek emergency medical treatment on my behalf in the event I should be injured while participating in a TTUHSCEP activity which is organized, sponsored, and/or funded by TTUHSCEP and involves the travel of at least twenty-five (25) miles from the TTUHSCEP campus.

I hold TTUHSCEP, its representatives, agents, or other responsible party who is a member of ___________________________(Organization, Sponsoring Group) harmless from any liability, negligent or otherwise, with regard to seeking emergency medical treatment on my behalf. I am at least 18 years of age, have read and fully understand this agreement and am voluntarily requesting emergency medical treatment on my behalf in the event of such need.

________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Student  Date

________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Witness  Date
ATTACHMENT G

Event ID: ______________________
(Assigned by Purchasing)

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

Pre-Approval Form for Official Functions (Required for Event Expense ≥ $500)
(Includes Institutional Receptions, Retreats, Retirement Receptions, Graduations, Holiday Events, and Departmental Gatherings)

1. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF EVENT

   By Category:
   Food ______________________
   Entertainment ______________________
   Decorations ______________________
   Facility Cost ______________________

   Other (detailed) __________________________________________

   Total Cost $ ______________________

2. PURPOSE (A business purpose that serves the institutional mission is required.)

   __________________________________________

3. DATE AND LOCATION OF EVENT

   __________________________________________

4. REQUESTOR NAME ____________________________

   E-mail Address ____________________________ Phone ____________

   This form should be mailed to Purchasing, STOP 9021, Lubbock. Upon receipt of the approved form, Purchasing will e-mail the Event ID back to the requestor. Payments transactions (POs, Direct Pay and credit card charges should reference the event ID).

5. APPROVALS

   Approvers have determined that the expenses for this event have a business purpose, serve the institution’s mission and are appropriate and reasonable considering budget and financial priorities.

   Approvals are required if the event total equals $500 or more. The Department Head and one of the following signatures is required 90 days in advance: President, Dean, Regional Dean or Vice President for the respective area.

   Signature of Department Head ____________________________ Date ____________

   Signature of President, Dean, Regional Dean or Vice President ____________________________ Date ____________