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Memo to Freeze Chabad on Campus

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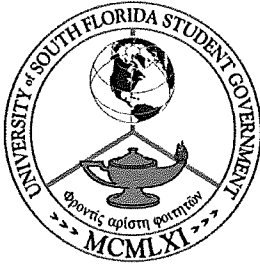


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University of South Florida Student Government Senate

55th Term
Fall 2014



Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits

Memorandum regarding the Chabad on Campus

The following reflects the findings of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits regarding the official audit conducted on September 26th, 2014.

Overview

The Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits conducted an audit of the student organization, Chabad on Campus. The following memorandum details the investigation of the organization, the violations of the student organization Chabad on Campus as determined by the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits, and the recommended course of actions.

Investigation:

1. A series of audits of the organization's event, "Rosh Hashana," took place on September 26th, 2014. Senator Briana Ramirez and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits conducted the audits.
2. The event was scheduled to take place from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on both Thursday, September 25th and Friday, September 26th. The event's venue was supposed to be MSC 3709 on Thursday and MSC 3711 on Friday.
3. Upon arrival to the event at 10:30 am, Senator Ramirez and Chairman Johnson observed that only Rabbi Pinny and his young daughter were at the event.
4. After conducting the audit and speaking to the Rabbi, Senator Ramirez and Chairman Johnson determined that the "actual" event had taken place off campus at the private residence of Rabbi Pinny. The "actual" event took place on the evenings of Wednesday, September 24th and Thursday, September 25th.
5. Senator Ramirez and Chairman Johnson requested the purchase order forms for the organization from the ASBO. Senator Ramirez and Chairman Johnson determined that the organization had received \$1051.26 for the purchase of food for the event.
6. The purchase order and related information details that the food was purchased for an event that would feed 190 students. This event was to be held in the aforementioned rooms at the given times.
7. Upon further investigation, Senator Ramirez and Chairman Johnson ascertained that the organization admitted to plan to feed 150 students at dinner off campus.

Violations:

Following the audit of the student organization Chabad on Campus, the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits recognizes the following as causes of concern:

- **Failure to uphold Finance Code articles, specifically:**

- **801.13:** All A&S funds must be spent for the direct benefit of the Student Body.
 - The student body did not directly benefit from this event as it was held off campus.
- **801.14:** All events or services funded by A&S fees must be opened to all students, free of admission, dues or service charge.
 - The event was not open to all students as it was held off campus.
- **801.15:** All A&S events should be held on campus or reasonable accommodations should be made to assist in the transportation of students to off-campus events. No Student Organization may hold an A&S funded event off-campus unless receiving explicit permission from the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits.
 - The student organization Chabad on Campus did not request to hold the event off campus.


In conclusion, the committee finds that the organization has failed to follow the provisions established in Title VIII.

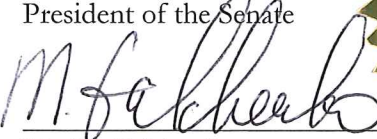
Recommended Course of Action:

Based on the findings of this audit, with an affirmative vote, we ask that the following action be taken by the Student Body Senate:

- **We request that the organization's A&S account be frozen for thirty (30) business days.**
 - This process is outlined in Title VIII Finance Code Chapter 801.10 which states that, "Any A&S account may be frozen for an indefinite time by the Student Senate, after consultation with the ASMB Director, by a 3/4ths vote at a regular meeting."
 - This action is in accordance Title VIII Financial Code Statute 801.11 which outlines reasons for freezing A&S funded accounts. Specifically, this action is justified under the sub-clause 801.11.4 which includes, "Violation of Student Government Statutes or Student Body Constitution."
- **We request that the organization pay the full cost of food for the event, \$1,051.26, back to the A&S Interim Account.**

Therefore, upon the 3/4s vote of the Student Body Senate, the student organization Chabad on Campus' A&S account will be frozen for the aforementioned time, and will be required to return the full allocation to the A&S Interim Account by the end of the next fiscal year.


 Andy Rodriguez
 President of the Senate


 Masha Galchenko
 Director of ASBO



Official Vote Count of the Senate: (24-2-2)

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