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Introduction
Dear Student Organization Leaders and Faculty/Staff Advisors,

Our college is known for developing leaders through academics, but many of the skills used to chart your career path are curated by your involvement in a student organization. FACS, and specifically the Student Success and Advising Center, are here to support you in your role as a student leader and organizational advisor. We are a resource for college related information and serve as a liaison to communicate information from the UGA Center for Student Activities and Involvement. We hope you will use this guide as a resource to further your organization’s capacity.

The two people you’ll interact with most are Cara Simmons and Kassie Suggs in the Student Success and Advising Center (SSAC). Cara Simmons serves as the Director and Kassie Suggs serves as the Office Manager. Additionally, you may communicate with Lynn Woodall in FACS’ Business and Finance Office.

Cara provides general student organization support including co-planning the fall Leadership Retreat for FACS student leaders and their faculty/staff advisor, coordinating the student fee allocation process, and updating the student organization handbook and website.

Contact Information
Cara Simmons; email: success@uga.edu

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Kassie Suggs; email: ksuggs@uga.edu

Kassie supports student organizations with the reimbursement process. Occasionally, you may hear from the FACS Business and Finance Office. When you receive emails from us, it is generally important and often time sensitive. Please respond when we reach out. If you have any questions, contact us especially if it relates to a reimbursement.

Lynn Woodall; email: alk@uga.edu

Lynn supports the student organizations with budget tracking and reporting. Typically reports will be sent to the treasurer and/or organizations president (or both) for monthly tracking. Lynn is also the final college approval for all reimbursement request. If you have budget or reporting questions, please reach out via email.

NOTE: If you have ever have any questions or are unsure of a process, please reach out to us. We are here to support your organizations. Additionally, this will not address every question or scenario.
Important Links
*These links may not work in Google Chrome.

FACS
FACS Student Organization Information
Update FACS Officer Information
Expression Engine/FACS Web Development

UGA
Campus Advertising
Campus Reservations, Events, and Technical Services
Centralized Classroom and Event Scheduling
Fundraising Approval
Event Planning Guidelines
Involvement Network
Online Funding Application Request
Student Organization Resources (annual registration, training modules, resources)
Tate Business Office

FACS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT A GLANCE
The Student Success and Advising center serves as a liaison between the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Center for Student Activities and Involvement. We’re here to support your organization. We want you to have what you need to be a successful group. Our goal is to empower students through their organizations to make an impact on and off campus.

For a list of all FACS student organizations, click here.

What Do We Do – Student Success and Advising Center

Provide oversight and support to student organizations
Facilitate reimbursement process
Update TV screens with organizational announcements such meetings/events
Reserve space in Dawson Hall and Barrow Hall
Reserve tables for tabling in Dawson Hall
Put up flyers
Co-plan fall leadership retreat

What Do You Do – Student Organization Officers & Advisors

Below are a few things to keep in mind from year to year.

Register your student organizations with the Center for Student Activities and Involvement (CSAI)
Be familiar with policies related to be in good standing as a student organization
Review your budget regularly
Update SSAC when new officers are elected when requested
Make reservations
Join the CSAI listserv
Update your FACS webpage with officer information, meetings dates, other events, and pictures.

**Advisor Information**
- Attend student organizations meetings
- Check in with student officers regularly
- Understand budget and reimbursement process
- Make sure your student orgs update contact information, websites, complete annual register student organization

**TIMELINE FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**Fall**
- Attend FACS Back to School Student Organization Meeting
- Attend FACS Annual Leadership Retreat
- Reserve rooms for spring meetings/events

**Summer**
- Table at the Orientation Resource Fair
- Reserve rooms for fall meetings/events (after July 1)

**Spring**
- Register student organization for upcoming year
- Attend FACS End of Year Student Organization Meeting
- Submit budget allocation request packet
- Update new officers with SSAC

**TO DO & KNOW**

**Student Organization Registration**
- Student organizations must register *annually* with the UGA Center for Student Activities and Involvement. Registration of student groups is necessary before University facilities and services will be available.
- Registration information is available under Important Links.

**Student Fee Budget Allocation**
- FACS Student Activity Fee Allocation Request Form
- UGA Online Funding Application Request. Send a copy of your submitted online. Available under Important Links.
  - Submit both to success@uga.edu when requested in the spring.

**Officer Contact Information**
- Update annually when requested in the spring. Available under Important Links. You must access through a UGA email address to edit.

**Website Information**
- It is important to keep your websites updated. Update annually when requested in the spring and as needed. Student organization websites are available [here](#).
• You can work with Jimmy Hansen (jphansen@uga.edu) in FACS’ Office of Technology and Instructional Services (OTIS) to request access to Expression Engine to update yourself or have Jimmy update.

• If you would like Jimmy to create/update, you will need to have all of the necessary information in a Word document including what you would like linked, what’s a heading or subheading, etc. Pictures are important too! Please include the following within the document:
  o 5 quality pictures with captions (pictures can be attached to the email)
  o What does your club do?
  o Why should someone join?
  o How can someone join?
    ▪ You can either attach an email address or have a “button” that will lead to the information. If you prefer this method, please provide the information in a Word document.
  o Tentative list of meeting and event dates and times for 2018-2019 (Ex. Last Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm)

**FACILITY GUIDELINES**

**Dawson Hall and Barrow Hall Room Reservation Requests**

• All room reservation requests are confirmed through a central UGA system. Kassie Suggs enters reservation requests for all FACS Student Organizations. Reservations can be made weekly or for the entire semester.
  o To reserve a classroom in Dawson or Barrow for an organizational meeting or event, submit your reservation requests through the reservations button found at the bottom of the FACS webpage: [http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ssac/student-organizations](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ssac/student-organizations). Your reservation is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation email from success@uga.edu.
  o The first day for student organizations to submit reservation requests for Fall 2018 is July 2, 2018.
  o Requests should be made at least 5 business days ahead of the event. More notice should be given if it is an important event for your organization.
  o Please allow 3 full business days for processing. Business days are M-F, 8am-5pm when classes are in session.

• **Building Information**
  o All entrance doors to Dawson and Barrow Halls automatically lock between the hours of 7pm to 7am, weekdays.
  o *Do not prop or hold doors open, as this will cause the alarm to go off and will automatically call the UGA police department. This means that the doors may not remain open longer than the natural closing of the door. This includes interior foyer doors as well.*
  o For after hours and weekend special events, contact Mark Ellenberg (marke@uga.edu) to schedule availability of the handicap access door off the parking lot and loading ramp.
  o The Departmental Offices, located on each floor in Dawson, are responsible for locking the classrooms on their respective floors at 5 PM. Rooms that are scheduled for student organization meetings have a monitor by the door with the schedule for each day. *It is the responsibility of the student organization to verify with the Departmental Office that the room will be unlocked for the meeting the day of.*
    ▪ Departmental Offices:
1st Floor: Human Development & Family Science Room 123
2nd Floor: Financial Planning, Housing & Consumer Economics Room 205
2nd Floor: Foods & Nutrition Room 280
3rd Floor: Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors Room 321

Dawson Hall Tabling Reservation Requests

- Student organizations usually table to promote awareness about the organization or an upcoming meeting or event.
- To “table” in Dawson Hall, the SSAC will provide you with a table but your organization is responsible for providing all other items.
- If you are fundraising, selling tickets, or exchanging money it MUST be approved by the Center for Student Activities and Involvement. Tables are permitted inside Dawson Hall only in designated areas. Tables cannot leave Dawson Hall premises.
  - To reserve a table in Dawson Hall, submit your reservation requests through the reservations button found at the bottom of the FACS webpage: [http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ssac/student-organizations](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ssac/student-organizations). **Your reservation is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation email from success@uga.edu**.
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Campus Reservations

- For all other campus reservations, you must submit a reservation request through the [Campus Reservations, Events, and Technical Services](http://www.uga.edu/campusreservations) website.

ROOM USAGE GUIDELINES

Please help us keep our facilities clean, safe, and ready for class by following these guidelines:

- Clean up after yourselves and your guests.
- Food is not allowed in any computer labs or other labs in Dawson or Barrow.
- If you plan to serve food at your meeting or event, notify bolton@uga.edu and request a red trashcan for your event at least two business days prior to the meeting or event. This will help to reduce insect issues in the classrooms.
- Please do not remove any furnishings or equipment from the room.
- **Following the conclusion of student organization meetings or events, move all desks, chairs, tables, and white boards back to their original position.** It is crucial that all rooms are clean and orderly for class the following day.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Account Information

Student organizations are allowed to have two accounts as follows:

  - Student Activity Fee Allocated College Account and Agency Account (both through UGA)
  - Agency Account (UGA) and Outside Checking Account (like SunTrust, BOA, etc.)
Student organizations may have both a student activity fee allocated college account and an agency account, but if so the organization may not have any outside checking account. Student organizations must have written approval from the dean in order to have both allocated and agency accounts.

**Agency Accounts**
An agency account is a special University account, available to officially registered student organizations which do not receive state or student activity fee funding. Income for the organization is usually generated from dues, donations, fund raising activities, and ticket sales.

- Agency accounts can spend 100% on travel and food
- Agency account funding automatically carry-forward into the next FY

Student organizations which choose to maintain an agency club account with the Business Office will be required to pay applicable taxes on purchases. All ticket sales, as well as goods and services sold by the Tate Student Center on behalf of student organizations, are subject to sales tax.

**Outside Checking Accounts**
If you have an outside checking account, financial related information does not pertain to you. All other policies apply such as selling tickets on campus, reserving rooms, being registered, etc. If you have an outside checking account, we cannot help you resolve any issues.

Any questions regarding a student organization’s budget or fund allocations must be directed to success@uga.edu.

**Student Activity Fee Allocated College Accounts**
The college allocation is an amount given to a student organization. They receive a line item allocation from the Student Activity Fee award amount provided to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The student organization must put in a budget request for approval of the funds needed

Student organizations which receive a student activity fee allocation are exempt from the payment of Georgia Sales Use Tax and Federal Excise taxes. However, many vendors will routinely add sales tax to purchases. When paying a vendor by University check request, the sales tax should be deducted from the amount due when preparing the check request. If a vendor adds sales tax to a petty cash purchase, the full amount, including the tax, will be reimbursed to the individual who made the purchase.

**Funding qualifications**
- In order to receive funding for the upcoming year, you must attend the budget allocation meeting in the spring. Information regarding the meeting date and time will be shared mid-spring semester from success@uga.edu.
- To qualify for funding, each student organization must register annually with the Center for Student Activities & Involvement (CSAI).

**FOR ALL UGA Accounts**

**Reimbursements**
- Receipts must be original, itemized, clearly legible, and should indicate that you paid.
- Please provide supporting documents of: Original Receipt of Purchase(s), Non-Employee payment form; Food Justification Form (if food was purchased); and a printed flyer, email, or other posting of the event that includes date, time, and name of organization.
• **Note:** If you are unsure if expenses meet with the guidelines, please check with Kassie or Lynn beforehand to avoid out-of-pocket expenses.

**Budget Requests**
- All expenses must comply with USG and UGA policies and procedures as well as student activity fee guidelines

**For Student Activity Fee Allocated College Accounts**
- Allocated Student Organizations can spend no more than 20% of their activity fee allocation on Food. Allocated Student Organizations should not exceed 10% of the student activity fee allocation on Travel.
- If you generate income during the year, organizations may spend 100% of the revenue taken in on food and travel.
- Funds remaining in the allocated account at the end of the fiscal year will be recalled to the Student Activity Reserve & Surplus account
- Any student fee allocated organization who generates income from fundraising, dues, tickets must deposit all receipts though the Tate Student Center Business office.
- T-Shirts are allowable for advertising events, coordination of members, but budget cannot be spent solely on T-Shirts
- Guest Speaker gifts are allowable (as long as the speaker isn’t an employee or student)
- **Gifts/Awards:** Generally, purchasing gifts and awards is not allowable using Student Activity Fee funds. In the following special circumstances, these purchases are allowed:
  - **Annual Recognition:** Gifts/awards purchased for one-time annual recognition for student members are allowable. All gifts/awards purchased for this purpose must be pre-approved. Acceptable purchases include plaques, frames, graduation stoles/cords, etc. The individual value of the gift/award should not exceed $30/item. Under no circumstances should gift cards or clothing/apparel items be purchased for this purpose.
  - **Gifts in Lieu of Payment:** Gifts can be purchased in lieu of honorarium or compensation for non-students who provide a service to an organization (speaking, training, etc.). All gifts purchased for this purpose must be pre-approved. The value of the gift should not exceed $100. Under no circumstances should gift cards be purchased for this purpose. Guest Speaker gifts are not allowable if the speaker is a UGA employee or UGA student
- Conference registrations don’t count toward 10% travel allocation rule
- These funds cannot be used for scholarships; book purchases are allowable.
- Cannot use Student Activity Fees for fundraising, but can host events outside allocation (must charge a fixed price and any funds remaining can be donated to charity, just remember to take out expenses before donation)
- A maximum daily allowance for meals during travel will be $28 ($6 breakfast, $7 for lunch and $15 for dinner)
- No Equipment purchases over $100, payment for equipment maintenance is allowable. All equipment must be purchased via UGAmart.

**FUNDRAISING**
- Requests to fundraise on campus must be submitted online to the office of the Center for Student Organizations at least 10 business days in advance of the event.
• All approved fundraisers will be assigned a permit, which must be picked up from the CSO office on the day of the fundraiser.
• Additional information under Important Links.

ADVERTISING
The complete Advertising Guidelines & Restrictions policy is available in the Appendix TBD section of this handbook.

FACS
• **TV Screens/Digital Signage:** If a student organization would like to advertise information on the monitors in Dawson and Barrow Halls, create a PowerPoint slide, save as a PowerPoint slide, with the information formatted the way you would like it to be presented. Email the PowerPoint to Kassie at ksuggs@uga.edu and include the start and end date of the PowerPoint’s appearance on the TV screens in Dawson. Text should be able to be read in 10 seconds or less.
  o **Please make sure the slide isn’t text heavy in a difficult to read font.** Users should be able to read and comprehend in 10 seconds or less, If you have questions about what is acceptable contact Cal Powell, FAC Director of Communications at jcpowell@uga.edu.
  o **More information is available here:** [https://www.fcs.uga.edu/otis/building-screens](https://www.fcs.uga.edu/otis/building-screens)
• **FACS Connection:** A weekly digest sent to all undergraduate FACS students. Items for FACS Connection should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Instructions on formatting a FACS Connection entry can be found [here](https://www.fcs.uga.edu/otis/building-screens).
• **Promotional Materials:** (fliers, handouts, etc.). Can only go in designated spaces by 1st floor vending machine. If put up in unauthorized areas, they will be removed and discarded.
• **FACS Website:** Events & Calendar entries
  o If you have access to Expression Engine you can add your own. If not, contact Jimmy Hansen at jphansen@uga.edu.
• **Speak in your FACS classes:** Ask your instructor for permission ahead of time
• **Tabling:** You can promote events in Dawson Hall. Refer to the facility guidelines section on how to reserve.
• **FACS Social Media:** if you’d like something posted on FACS Social media, contact Cal Powel, FACS Director of Communications at jcpowell@uga.edu.

Campus
For other ideas, visit the Campus Advertising under Important Links. Student organization must refer to the CSAI website to be familiar with the guidelines and policies related to advertising on campus.

Logos and Use of Logos
Information regarding logo use can be found [here](https://www.fcs.uga.edu/docs/Printed_Materials_Approval_Form_-_FACS_.pdf). Any intended use of the University of Georgia name or logo on merchandise, whether it is to be sold or given away, must be approved.

ANY use of the logo (regardless of whether it’s sold) must be approved by Cal Powell, Director Communications at jcpowell@uga.edu. The direct link to the logo approval form is here: [https://www.fcs.uga.edu/docs/Printed_Materials_Approval_Form_-_FACS_.pdf](https://www.fcs.uga.edu/docs/Printed_Materials_Approval_Form_-_FACS_.pdf)

When a logo is used on merchandise, it also has to go through a logo approval process via UGA Marketing and Communications.