

University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee

Response to Writ of Certiorari

The Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee (SUFAC) respectfully requests that the Green Bay Student Court deny the Writ of Certiorari. The review of a Writ of Certiorari is not a right but rather a matter of judicial discretion only to be granted for compelling reasons. (Rule 10, Rules of the Supreme Court.)

SUFAC will argue that there is a need for checks and balances to be in place. To suggest that SUFAC is “subject to presidential will” smacks of superiority and places the executive in a protected and privileged class that is not intended by the student constitution nor should it be supported by the Student Court. Without this check, numerous issues may come up due to conflicts of interest. For example, the SGA president and vice president could potentially group together and grant themselves extremely high honorariums despite what the evaluations may indicate. To disagree would grant the SGA president and vice president full authority to grant themselves whatever amount they would like.

The board did in fact hear the SGA president’s re-allocation request earlier this year. In summary, SUFAC did not change any honorarium but merely reduced their overall increase. The reasoning behind this was because there were questions concerning the evaluation process and equity in the redistribution. The board felt that there needed to be an alternate procedure in place to evaluate performance rather than having the SGA president and vice president decide.

It is not appropriate or acceptable for SUFAC to hear and decide on all fund requests except those from the president or vice president of the student government.

