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BSU Reacts Angrily to Cuts From Proposed Budget

SAAC Funds One Third of BSU Request

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The SA Appropriations Committee tentatively budgeted the Black Students' Union one third of the amount requested, for an \$8,212 subsidy, at Tuesday night's meeting.

The SAAC also tentatively budgeted the Spanish and Latin Students Association \$904.50 and postponed the Committee of Undergraduate Council's budget.

Controller Mark Rodgers said the BSU is tentatively budgeted to receive approximately 20 percent more funding than last year, while the \$10 increase in the Student Activities fee has risen by only 15.6 percent.

The BSU asked to be budgeted over \$24,000, but received tentative confirmation of the SAAC for \$10,437 in expenditures and \$2,225 in income. An additional \$1600 was placed in contingency.

The BSU proposed to host a picnic and games near Phase on Dandelion Day.

Controller Margaret Kohin said the picnic would promote segregation.

BSU President Zach Harris said the picnic's purpose is to provide a greater range of activities on Dandelion Day.

"The things that go on during Dandelion Day are not conducive to black students," he said.

Rodgers proposed an amendment to remove funds for the picnic. The SAAC passed the amendment, but restored some of the funds by passing an amendment by Sally Allison,

assistant director of student activities, to put two thirds of the amount in a co-sponsorship fund.

Allison said the amendment was needed because "there are people on this campus who pay an activity fee who do not feel free to have fun at this event."

The SAAC also cut \$8,000 from the BSU proposed budget for a concert by a black performer, such as Al Jarreau or Roberta Flack.

Rodgers said that just because an entertainer is black he does not necessarily represent black culture.

"It is quite obvious today that the environment on this campus is not conducive to the wants of black students," Harris said.

"I will view the proposed budget as tentative and will take it to the general BSU body to determine if we can continue to seek University

sponsorship and at the same time, allege to be responsible representatives of the needs and concerns of the black students at the UR," Harris said.

He added, "We are going to appeal this budget and we are leaning towards greater things, but if we don't get the things we want and need, the BSU will take a position which strongly recommends withdrawing our activities fee."