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April 10, 1978

Campus Council
The College of Wooster

Dear Members of Council:

Earlier in the year I received a request that the amount per student allotted to Campus Council be increased for next year. I am pleased to inform you that there will be an addition to the Campus Council budget of \$1 per year per student for the 1978-79 academic year.

I do appreciate the role which the Council plays on the campus. Best wishes as you undertake your duties for the coming year

Sincerely yours,

Henry Copeland

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cc: Ken Plusquellec
William Snoddy

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PROPOSAL FOR A RAISE IN THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

✓ The Student Government Association, in conjunction with Campus Council, hereby requests that the College of Wooster increase the Student Activity Fee by the amount of \$2.00 per student per year. The following are the reasons we believe warrent such a request.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF STUDENT GROUPS TO FUND

Campus Council at the present time allocates money to seventeen different organizations. The total allocated amounts to \$62,500. At the present time, at least two of the organizations that have charters from Campus Council will be requesting funds for the first time this spring.

Also, this past year Campus Council has chartered several new groups, with several more charter proposals coming forward. These groups include Black Woman's Organization, Democratic Coalition, Wooster Forum (charter pending), and the English Society (charter pending). We estimate that these groups will ask for approximately \$1800.00 to \$3,000.00 dollars.

DECREASE IN THE STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The College this past year has decreased enrollment by approximately fifty students, which translates into a \$1700.00 loss to Council in activity fees. If present plans remain as is, the college enrollment will drop another fifty, thereby decreasing the amount we have to allocate by another \$1700.00

INFLATION

Inflation has been one of the biggest crippers to Campus Council. The increased cost of supplies has touched every group. The publications, of which printing costs are the greatest part of the budget, have been especially hurt. We believe that it is a reasonable estimate to figure in a 6% annual inflation rate. If we do, the present budget of \$62,500.00 will have to be \$66,250.00 next year simply because of rising prices. (An increase of \$3,750.00)

INCREASE IN PROGRAMMING

The recent trend in student organizations has been expansion, i.e. an increase in the amount of activity that the group does. Increasing the programming of a group requires an increase in the budget. The present Campus Council budget has no room for expansion; many groups are operating on bare minimum as of now. We believe that it is a reasonable estimate that most groups will try to increase the level of programming by about 5%. This translates into a budget increase of \$3125.00.

INCREASE IN SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Campus Council this past week has voted to put a referendum before the student body to place 10% of the student activity fee in a scholarship fund for financially-needy third world students. The present policy permits only 5% to be released. Campus Council will have an exceedingly difficult time meeting the 5% figure on the present budget without a fee increase, much less a 5% increase.

SUMMARY

Last year, a total of \$71,591.00 was requested, with \$62,500.00 available for allocation. Only three major groups received increases over the previous year's budgets: LCB (\$1000.), SGA (\$800.), and WRC (250.). Most organizations remained the same, or were cut to bare minimum operating costs (BSA, ICC, and Thistle in particular). We believe that this year's requests will amount to about \$80,000.00, with approximately \$60,000.00 available for allocation.

This could lead to several possible recourses:

- 1) the dropping of the smaller groups
- 2) cutting into larger budgets, thereby diminishing their services to the students
- 3) elimination of several larger budgeted groups

One dollar of the increase will go to help offset any decrease in student population. The other will go to help meet the basic needs of groups applying for funds. The raise will not allow for any significant raise in the level of programming.

It is our sincere hope that the College of Wooster will grant this increase. We do not believe that such an increase is excessive or unnecessary. We believe that an increase is required so that student may continue to serve and meet the needs of the College of Wooster.

Additional Information

- 1) Student Activities Fee originally supported eight organizations:
Campus Council Black Students Association
Voice Student Government Association
Thistle Lowry Center Board
Index Publications Committee
Now, it supports 17. Since its beginning, the activities fees allocated to student organizations (Campus Council) has not increased.
- 2) Substantial "slack" has been trimmed from budgets over the last three years by the Campus Council Budget Committee, which is now an ongoing financial review and budgeting committee.
- 3) In previous years, a contingency fund had existed to absorb yearly deficits by the various publications. This fund was depleted by the 1975-1976 operations of the publications.
- 4) Substantial printing cost increases constitute a fixed increase in costs from year to year. (about 6% from 1976 to 1977)
- 5) Several organizations have been trimmed to a minimum functional allocation: Campus Council, ISC, ICC, Publications Committee, Professional Travel Fund.
- 6) The Travel Fund has received additional funds from SGA, due to extensive and unanticipated demand.
- 7) Postal Increases (more than doubled over past 3 years) (Index + Voice)
Telephone
- 8) Price of yearbook to underclassmen has ↑
May charge seniors "mailing fee" to help defray costs

CAMPUS COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1977 - 1978

Organization	Last Year's Allocation	Request for 77-78	Approved Budget 77-78
Campus Council	\$ 5250.00	\$ 3915.00	\$ 3900.00
B.S.A.	2250.00	3700.00	2000.00
Frosh. Orient.	400.00	800.00	-0-
Gay Caucus	250.00	350.00	200.00
I.C.C.	50.00	210.00	60.00
I.S.C.	60.00	100.00	75.00
Index	5400.00	5470.00	5400.00
I.S.A.	275.00	894.00	300.00
Judicial Board	-0-	500.00	450.00
L.C.B.	23000.00	27860.00	24000.00
P.C.E.	175.00	175.00	250.00
Sierra Club	225.00	165.00	165.00
S.G.A.	11100.00	12790.00	11900.00
Thistle	1950.00	1980.00	1800.00
Voice	10865.00	11935.00	11400.00
W.C.F.	50.00	250.00	150.00
W.R.C.	200.00	497.00	450.00
TOTALS	\$61500.00	\$71591.00	\$62500.00

Minimum Balances: Black Forum (L.C.B.) - 2000.00
 Personal Travel Fund (S.G.A.) - 500.00
 General Fund (S.G.A.) - 4500.00

Other Stipulations: No salary increases for officers of any organization;
 P.C.E. treasurer salary - 225.00;
 Judicial Board - Chairperson's salary 200.00
 Secretary's salary maximum 200.00

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

To... [REDACTED]

From... [REDACTED]

Date... March 8, 1978

Subject:

Attached request.

Council shows a pronounced tendency to charter unnecessary organizations, and then becomes frustrated because it doesn't have sufficient funds to distribute to them all. It will learn to be judicious with its budget only if its funds are scarce. At the same time, I do realize that its income has dropped because of the drop in enrollment. I can support an increase of no more than \$1 per student, with the understanding that there will be no increase in the following year.

[REDACTED]