



ETSU Student Government Association
Secretary of Allocations

Leaders of Student Organizations at ETSU,

My name is James Grindstaff, and I am the new Secretary of Allocations for the Student Government Association at ETSU. Part of my job is overseeing the BUC Fund, a fund that I hope that many of you will take advantage of in the coming year. Since my appointment to this position we have made a few changes to the BUC Fund, including a new application process. As all change can be, these new additions can be confusing for organizations in this first BUC Fund session. I would like to help alleviate those challenges for the remainder of the academic year.

First, regarding the application process, a few years ago the executive branch of the Student Government Association expanded the time frame for the application process. This posed some issues for the organization in the sense that it left the organizations unknowing of whether or not they would be funded for an extensive time period. This can be both stressful and difficult for organizations working with a limited amount of time. With that being said the executive team for the SGA has decided to shorten the time frame, to minimize time left unsure about funding. From now on applications will be due on Tuesday's at 4, organizations will meet with the Buc-Fund Committee the following Thursday at 4. Once that has taken place, the Senate will meet, discuss the applications, and make an official vote on whether or not to fund. A representative from your organization must attend.

As for the process, I would like to start off by noting that turning in the BUC Fund application is often a difficult or unclear process. Thus, this year, we have taken steps to make it easier. In front of the SGA Office (SORC Suite C), there is a mailbox marked as "Buc-Fund application drop box" located in front of the door to the SGA Office beside many of the other SGA applications. Posted near the drop box will be a sign-up sheet, when turning in any BUC

Fund applications, simply fill in the information on the sheet and put it in the binder! This will ensure that no applications will get lost or misplaced, and it empowers you to choose the time you would like to meet up at the BUC Fund meetings. This way everyone can benefit. If you have trouble finding it, just ask a Senator in the office! They will be able to help you, and it will be a good chance to meet someone who represents you! Please, do not be afraid to speak to your senators and other SGA representatives!

Finally, I will note the only major difference in services provided by my predecessors and myself, is that I will be having an official posted office hour, every Tuesday from 3 P.M. until 4 P.M. every week. I hope by doing this it will give applying organizations someone to speak to in person and ask direct questions. Feel free to bring in your applications for questions and to review it with me. My duties as Secretary of Allocations is not to decide on whether or not an organization will or will not be funded. My job is to stay impartial, and give the organizations every resource they need or could want to be successful in the Buc-Fund process. This is the first step in my mind to providing you, as an organizational leader, the keys to a successful and seamless experience with our SGA and our Buc-Fund.

In closing, let me say I am excited to be serving you in my new position, and I hope that if you have any questions or suggestions about BUC Fund that you will feel comfortable contacting me. I will do all I can to help you in this process because, as the SGA, we want your events to get funded and succeed greatly on this campus. You are what makes ETSU great, and for the SGA and me especially, we are privileged to have a part in your success. Thus, good luck this year in all of your endeavors, and I hope to see your name soon on an application in the BUC Fund! Go Bucs! (NOTE: The deadline for the next round of applications will be September 30th!)

Sincerely,

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