

**STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)  
FY 2011 PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FORENSIC SOCIETY,  
HOME OF THE U OF H SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM**

**REQUEST FOR A ONE-TIME ALLOCATION OF  
\$90,287 TO FUND PARTICIPATION IN  
ANNUALLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**



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OF OUR UNIVERSITY WITH  
COMMUNITY INTERACTION,  
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**In order to provide opportunities/resources needed for the no. of members in the UHFS – and to continue the hosting of events that will expose an estimated 9k+ students, faculty, and parents to the the UH Main Campus - a ONE-TIME ALLOCATION OF \$90,287 IS NEEDED.**

**A TOTAL OF FY10 ONE-TIME ALLOCATIONS FOR WAS \$80,142.**

**THIS HIGHER AMOUNT OF \$90, 287 FY11 RELATES TO TWO NEW EXPENSE ITEMS – ROOM RESERVATION CHARGES BEING ASSESSED BY THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE/OVERHEAD CHARGES.**

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**The breakdown of the \$90,287 is as follows:**

Part-Time Accountant	\$ 9,800
Air Fares for Growth in Competitors (12 Students) – 10 Regional Contests	\$ 32,800
Increased Air Costs for 8 Members (\$270/Trip x 4Contests) - National Contests	\$ 8,640
Hotel / Ground Transportation / Registration / Food Competitors	\$ 7,190
Supplies for Competition (Folders, Visual Aids, & Portfolios)	\$ 3,821
Trophies & Awards for Events Held on the UH Main Campus	\$ 6,800
Rental Charges for Events Held in the University Center	\$ 9,320 **
Payment of Hired Judges	\$ 6,300
Hospitality Needs of Judges/Coaches	\$ 3,500
<b>Total Administrative Charge for All of the Above Funds</b>	<b>\$ 2,116</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 90,287</b>

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**REQUEST FOR FY12 BASE AUGMENTATION OF  
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**THE BASE BUDGET OF THE UH FORENSIC SOCIETY HAS NOT BEEN INCREASED SINCE FY04.**

The University of Houston Forensics Society currently has a budget to accommodate approximately one-half of travel expenses, the funds to pay for the student assistants presently working in the office to recruit and run the society, and to pay fees associated with having a space in the University Center. **However, the current travel/competition budget was awarded by the SFAC FY04 at a time when the UHFS had only 40+ members. THE UHFS HAS EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT GROWTH DURING THE 2008-2010 SCHOOL YEARS . . . AND HAS REACHED 300+ MEMBERS.**

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**THE TOTAL FY10 ONE-TIME ALLOCATIONS WAS FOR \$80,142.**

**[THE UHFS / REQUEST OF A BASE AUGMENTATION OF \$200,388 TO FUND PARTICIPATION IN ANNUALLY SCHEDULED EVENTS / PAGE 3]**

**The breakdown of the \$200,388 is as follows:**

Salary for Two Asst. Directors of Forensics	\$ 84,000
Taxes/Benefits for Two Asst. Directors of Forensics	\$ 23,520
Part-Time Accountant	\$ 9,800
Air Fares for Growth in Competitors (12 Students) – 10 Regional Contests	\$ 32,800
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Hotel / Ground Transportation / Registration / Food Competitors	\$ 5,190
Trophies & Awards for Events Held on the UH Main Campus	\$ 3,800
Payment of Hired Judges	\$ 5,000
Supplies for Competition (Folders, Visual Aids, & Portfolios)	\$ 2,795
Rental Charges for Events Held in the University Center	\$ 9,320 **
Hospitality Needs of Judges/Coaches	\$ 3,500
<b>Total Administrative Charge for All of the Above Funds</b>	<b>\$ 12,023</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 200,388</b>

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