



## STUDENT LIFE (RCTC Policy 2.8)

The Student Life program shall seek to complement the academic programs and services by providing opportunities and experiences that further enhance the student's overall development. The program shall provide opportunities for individuals to become involved participants or observers in co-curricular programs and services that are geared to the student's educational, occupational, social, cultural, and recreational interests. The program shall reflect equitable opportunities for both men and women, and provide opportunities for all students.

The Rochester Community and Technical College Student Life Program shall operate under Parts 1, 2 and 5 of MnSCU Board Policy on Student Life. (MnSCU Board Policy 2.8 states that consolidated colleges may choose to operate under the community college and/or technical college programming models. Rochester Community and Technical College will operate under Part 5, the technical college programming model.)

### Part 1. Dedicated Student Life Activity Fee:

**Subpart A.** Rochester Community and Technical College shall have a dedicated student life activity fee that stays local.

**Subpart B.** Each spring the Student Senate shall propose a student life activity fee to the College President. The president shall approve or reject the fee, and authorize the collection of the student life activity fee. If an agreement cannot be reached, the student life activity fee from the previous year will remain in place.

**Subpart C.** The Student Life Fee shall be identified separately on the student's fee statement.

**Subpart D.** Upon the recommendation of the Student Senate, the College President may exempt specific groups of students from all or a percentage of the student life activity fee when this action is judged to be in the best interests of the college.

### Part 2. Fiscal Guidelines for Student Life Activity Budget:

**Subpart A.** Each spring the Student Senate shall propose a Student Life Activity Budget, that shall be divided into two sections: (1) General Support (2) Programming Support. Funds to support the Student Senate shall come from the General Support portion of the Student Life Budget.

**Subpart B.** A Student Life Finance Committee consisting of eight (8) students, appointed by the Student Senate President, four (4) faculty/staff, appointed by the College President, and the Director of Student Life as chair and a non-voting participant, shall:(1) evaluate presently funded programs, (2) review all requests for funding, (3) prepare a Student Life Activity Budget Plan, and (4) submit the plan to the Student Senate for approval.

**Subpart C.** The Student Senate shall approve the budget plan and submit it to the College President. The College President shall approve or reject the budget plan, or portions of it. If an agreement cannot be reached, the budget plan, or the portions that agreement cannot be reached upon, from the previous year will remain in place.

**Subpart D.** The Director of Student Life shall administer the approved budget.

**Subpart E.** In the event that enrollment projections are not met, the Student Life Budget Plan shall be adjusted by the Director of Student Life with two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Senate membership. The Senate shall submit recommended Student Life Budget Plan changes to the College President for final approval.

**Subpart F.** Student Life Activity Budget fund balances shall have carry-over authority into the next fiscal year. Additional funds raised by individual groups, shall remain in the group's student life account. All other funds shall be pooled for redistribution by the Finance Committee, unless otherwise specified.

### **Part 3. Programming Requirements:**

**Subpart A. General Support.** Allocation of funds in this section are for the benefit and support of the entire Student Life program. Allocation of funds to specific programs will come from one of the Programming Support portions of the student life budget.

**Subpart B. Programming Support.** To ensure a comprehensive student life program, the Programming Support section of the Student Life Activity Budget shall include the following four (4) Components:

Component I - College Center. These programs may include but are not limited to: campus wide programs, activities and entertainment, intramurals, symposiums.

Component II - Activities. These programs may include but are not limited to: athletics, publications, music, drama.

Component III - Academic Related. These programs may include but are not limited to: academic clubs/organizations, other clubs, honors organizations, field trips, exhibits/displays.

Component IV - Diverse Needs. These programs may include but are not limited to: child care, student life orientation programs, non-traditional clubs, cultural clubs.

**Subpart C.** A minimum of 5% of the Programming Support portion of the student life activity budget is to be expended in the four component areas.