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HOUSE PASSES Bill 99-03
SGA Establishes Clear Allocation Procedures

Last week the SuperFrog statue, which currently resides in the Brown-Lupton University Union, was revealed to the TCU community. In its brief time on campus, countless people —students, alumni, parents, and visitors— have enjoyed taking their photo with this unique artwork.

At last night's meeting of the House of Student Representatives, questions were raised about the process of approval for the SuperFrog statue, which took place in SGA's Cabinet. Specifically calling attention to one of SGA's governing documents, the Student Body Code:

“All requests for unbudgeted funds shall be approved by the Cabinet or the House of Student Representatives as a whole.” *6 SBC 6 §603*

Funding for the statue came from unused money (residual funds) typically allocated by SGA to a fall concert. The funds were available because this year's Blake Shelton Concert was administered through the Chancellor's office as a part of the Amon G. Carter Stadium Grand Opening and was not an SGA-funded event. Non-SGA funding of concerts is historically unprecedented and is unlikely to occur in the foreseeable future. The SuperFrog statue was approved by University officials and commissioned in May.

Members of Cabinet engage in various meetings every week with committees, students, and administrators. The group also meets internally to discuss SGA business, such as financial decisions and projects. Today, Cabinet met and reviewed minutes from last semester's Cabinet meetings, when the SuperFrog statue project was discussed. Cabinet members recall reviewing designs for the statue with intention to vote on final approval of the project; however, documentation of this vote was not found.

This project revealed to all branches of SGA a need for more thorough documentation and specific rules governing the approval of large expenditures. Last night, in an effort to formalize the approval process for residual fund allocations, the House of Student Representatives voted unanimously for House approval on all residual expenditures exceeding \$15,000. This bill ensures that future projects will channel through a distinct process.

The SuperFrog statue is a gift to the University, which ideally serves as a symbol of TCU's unique mascot and recent athletic successes. The Cabinet hopes that members of the TCU community, past, present and future will enjoy its addition to campus.

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