

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Student Organization leaders are encouraged to continue operating virtually. The Office of Student Engagement will support you by providing you with guidance and resources for working towards your mission virtually.

Student Organization Events and Activities

- Due to the continuing spread of COVID-19 infection in the United States and in light of the spring decisions of Albany State and the Office of Student Engagements limiting face-to-face events scheduled by Student Organizations through November 24, for the safety of our students and staff. This includes but is not limited to events, meetings, socials, practices, service projects, hosted speakers or performers, and educational programs. This decision will be re-evaluated at that time and additional guidance will be given.
- As an alternative to in-person gatherings, we encourage you to consider having remote, web-based meetings using platforms like Cisco WebEx & Microsoft teams already included in the University's Microsoft suite. Also, visit the Student Engagement's [Virtual Engagement](#) page for additional platforms.
- The Office of Student Engagement does not support nor encourage student organizations meeting in person in the residence halls or off campus to conduct organization business.

- The Office of Student Engagement is not sanctioning any university related travel for RSO's at this time. We will continue to monitor conditions and reevaluate this position at a later date.
- If you're planning to participate in community outreach or service activities, please defer to the guidance of the agency or community organization you are working with.
 - COVID-19 (or any illness) can severely impact certain populations such as the elderly, immunosuppressed, and those with pre-existing conditions.
 - As you continue to make plans, please consider both individual and community impacts.
 - Also, on the Virtual Engagement page there will be a list of individual virtual service projects to keep you engaged.
- We understand and empathize with the feelings you're likely experiencing related to the cancellation of major events and projects that you've worked on for the upcoming year. Our efforts are motivated in the spirit of containing the spread of [COVID-19](#) and prioritizing public health by reducing the density of our campus population. While this requires sacrifice by all of us, we know that **GOLDEN RAMS** always join together for the common good.

Student Budget Board Requests and Funding

Budget Allocations to assist RSO's will vary each fiscal year. The Office of Student Engagement is accepting requests for funds related to the following:

- Virtual Conference Registrations
- Marketing and Promotional items with our preferred vendor...(insert show your logo info)
- Educational Resources (i.e. book club materials, health & wellness materials, etc.) from approved vendor.

Currently all provisions related to catering or food service are suspended at this time for public health reasons.

Requests will be received and granted on a first come first serve basis. All supporting documents related to request are required. Requests will be honored until allocated funds for each semester are depleted. RSO are responsible for completing all necessary and required documents upon approval of request by designated deadline.

Requests for funds for Fall Semester 2020 must be submitted by close of business September 15th for Fall Semester and February 15th for Spring Semester.

All funds and/or payments will be made directly to the vendor.

Please make your request using the following link. All requests should be submitted by the RSO advisor.

Submit using following link.

[RSO Request for Funding Application](#)

Mandatory Annual Registration Process

- All registered student organizations will still be required to complete all steps of the Mandatory Annual Registration process by August 3 in order to maintain student organization privileges for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- We will be launching ONLINE training sessions and resource modules via Georgia View. Organization Leaders and Advisors will be required to complete all Modules to remain active. These, along with any other alterations to the process, will be reiterated and broadly communicated throughout the next few weeks as we finalize all details.