

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISING AND RESOURCES (SOAR)

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
	FTE	Budget	FTE	Budget	FTE	Budget
<u>Category of Expense:</u>						
Staff Salaries	11.70	254,978	15.42	386,663	8.10	253,878
General Assistance		2,853		9,198		9,251
Nonsalary/Other		347,369		328,403		321,829
TOTAL by Category	11.70	\$605,200	15.42	\$724,264	8.10	\$584,958
<u>Source of Funds:</u>						
Registration Fees	11.70	366,333	15.42	485,397	8.10	257,013
Self Supporting		16,000		16,000		
Auxiliary Services		67,085		67,085		7,823
Other		155,782		155,782		320,122
TOTAL by Fund	11.70	\$605,200	15.42	\$724,264	8.10	\$584,958

MISSION

As members of the team of professionals within the Division of Student Affairs, SOAR staff work in partnership with students to:

- Further the educational, social, and cultural development of students;
- Advance student voice and leadership in university decision-making processes;
- Encourage diversity and foster appreciation of individual differences;
- Realize the goals of campus-wide student organizations. Students are the purpose of our work. We strive to promote an office climate that is friendly, accessible, open, and respectful. To sustain these qualities, SOAR believes in modeling a participatory management style within its workforce, stressing consultative and lateral management with input from staff and students.

DESCRIPTION

SOAR provides administrative, advisory, and fiscal support to 100+ registered student organizations including ethnic/cultural, political, advocacy, academic, social, religious, community service, and fraternities and sororities. Through a transitional period, SOAR will continue to provide support for the Student Center, Student Union Assembly (SUA), ICSA and Community Service.

* With the reorganization of SOAR in 1998-99, Student Media will no longer report to SOAR. (Salaries transferred to SOAR in 97-98 and back to Student Media in 1998-99.)

GOALS

- Provide leadership and multicultural programming.
- Improve communications with Student Affairs and campus units.
- Build a strong team atmosphere, which includes more students as interns and employees.
- Maintain reasonable workloads.
- Assist the Student Center to be well utilized and provide a vital program for the campus.
- Provide the campus with student-initiated programming and encourage/educate the campus to recognize the value of it.
- Develop an outreach and marketing plan.

ACTIVITY DATA

Attendance at student organization events has increased based on reports from students and what our staff see when we are at the events. For a number of programs, students must complete evaluations and, although we do not have a statistical summary, we read the evaluations, and discuss the events with students. The evaluations overall are positive, and students provide some good suggestions as to how they might improve their event or project if it is sponsored again.