



# ISSS FAMF Referendum Presentation



# Presentation Outline

Introduction to the ISSS

The SCI5 Fee

ISSS Proposal

Overview of Consultation

ISSS Financial Breakdown

Concluding Remarks and Future Actions

# 1

# Introduction to the ISSS

Goals, Purpose, and Overview

Scholarships

Handbooks

Free Tutoring Services (MSGs)

CCIS Tabling Access

PD Grants

# 6,500+

Science Students

Orientation

Mentorship Program

Free Grad Photo Sitting & Banquet

Used Book Sales

Locker Rentals

# ISSS Mandate



- Representation
- Advocacy
- Service
- Community

Represent 32 different science groups (COSSA), including Departmental and Program Associations.

# 2

## The SCI5 Fee

Overview of the SCI5 Fee



## What is the SCI5 Fee?

- A \$5.00 student fee applied to all full-time on-campus and part-time on-campus undergraduate science students
- \$5.00 fee active since March 2013 (most recent renewal: 2017)



# What is the SCI5 Fee?

- Accounts for ~78% of our annual revenue
- No science student opted out of the fee the current term (Fall 2021)
- Historically opt-outs have been rare (2013–2021)



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## ISSS Proposal

Proposed Question, and  
Technicalities

Do you support the renewal of the Sci5 Faculty Association Membership Fee (\$5.00 per semester) that the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society (ISSS) collects to support science student groups, science-specific initiatives, and advocacy efforts within the Faculty of Science? Initiatives and services include locker rentals, scholarships, handbooks, free tutoring (MSGs), professional development events, orientation, graduation banquet, Science Week and much more.



## Technicalities of the Fee: Scope and Duration

- Each full-time on-campus/online student and part-time on-campus/online student enrolled in the Faculty of Science shall pay \$5.00 per semester.
- Students in a work term as part of the Faculty of Science's Industrial Internship Program, off-campus students, Visiting Students and Special Students are exempt from the SCI 5.
- The SCI 5 shall only be levied in the Fall Term and Winter Term.
- The SCI 5 will be collected starting in Fall Term 2022 and will cease after collection in Winter Term 2026.



## Technicalities of the Fee: Opt Out Option

- Students may opt-out of the SCI5 fee by submitting a reimbursement form available at [iss.ca](https://iss.ca) or the ISSS office
- Refunds will be provided for the semester that the student is currently enrolled in and will not be made after the withdrawal (Grade of W) deadline, as defined by the University of Alberta Academic Schedule
- Opt-out mechanism: students must fill out an opt-out form available at [iss.ca](https://iss.ca) or at the ISSS office. Refunds will be provided within 15 business days in their preferred method of reimbursement.

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# Consultation



## CONSULTATION

As per Students Union Bylaw 8200 Section 7(1)

Semi-Annual General  
Meeting and COSSA

Unanimous support

Faculty Wide  
Survey

Town Hall

\*Consultation/Feedback meetings also held with the Dean's Office, Faculty of Science office staff and the ISA

# Faculty Wide Survey



**423 participants**

All from diverse years and academic backgrounds

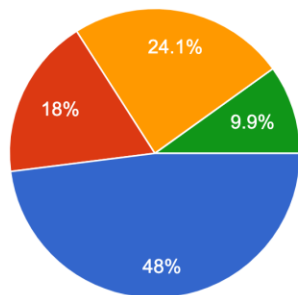


**66%**

Are supportive of SCI5

## If a referendum on SCI5 were held today, what would be your most likely position?

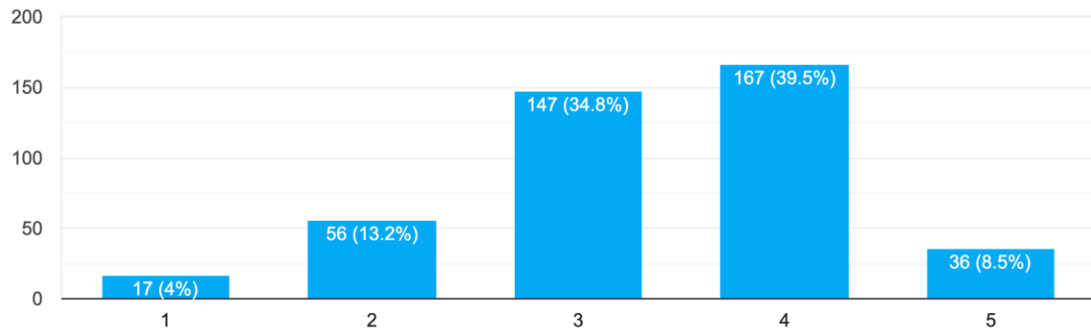
423 responses



- Leave it as opt-out, and I am unlikely to opt-out
- Change it to opt-in, and I am likely to opt-in
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- Change it to opt-in, and I am unlikely to opt-in

## How much do you agree with the GENERAL distribution of SCI5 funds?

423 responses



**1= Strongly Disagree**  
**5= Strongly Agree**

48% agree or strongly agree  
34.8% neutral  
17.2% disagree or strongly disagree

See Appendix A for further details



**"What are some improvements we can make to the budget?"**

- More PD events, career related support and advocacy
- More scholarships and wellness initiatives
- Less spending on athletics and Instructor Appreciation Night

# Town Hall

Initiative	Before	After
Instructor Appreciation Night	\$8 000	\$6 000
Athletics	Ball Week (\$6 000)	Wellness Week (\$6 000)
Science Week	\$10 000	\$5 500
Professional Development Events	\$0 (excluding Eureka)	Workshops, Job Fairs, Industry Speakers (\$4 000)
Scholarships and PD Grants	\$10 000	\$20 000
Wellness Initiatives	\$0	\$1 500



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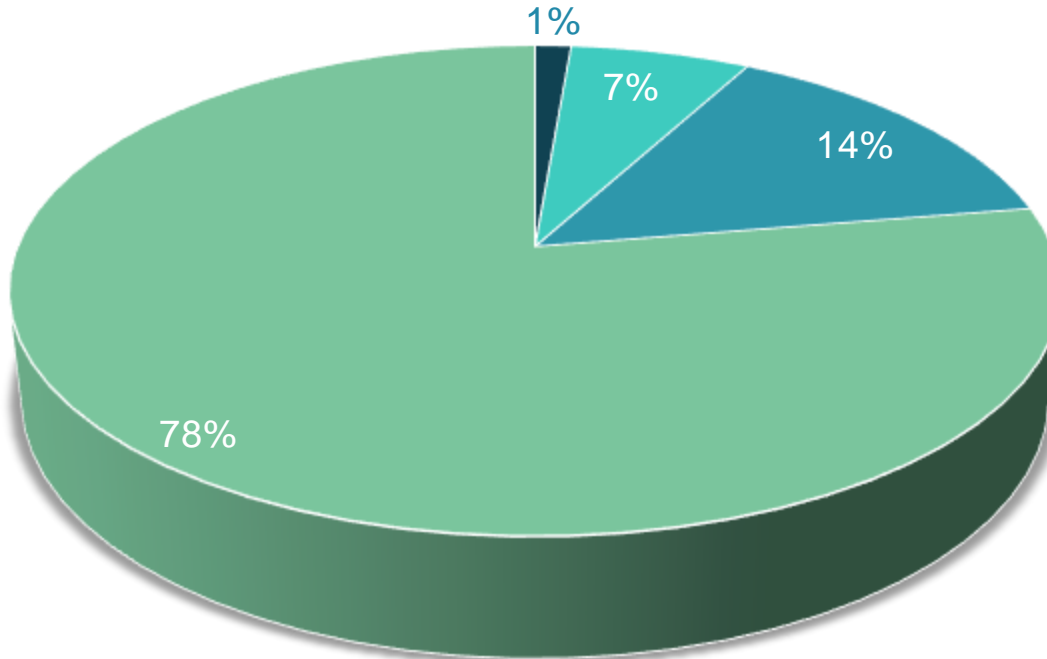
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## Proposed Allocation of Funds



# 2021-22 Expected Revenue

Sponsorships	\$1,000
Grants	\$5,000
Lockers	\$11,000
SCI5 Fee	\$59,000



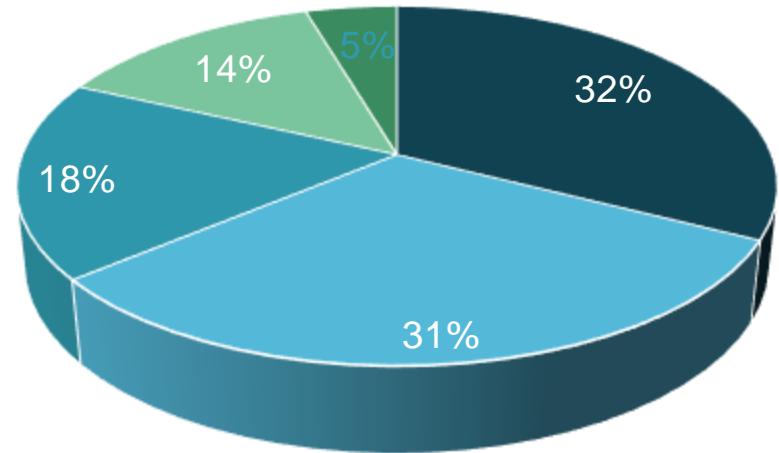
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- Grants
- Lockers
- SCI5 Fee



# 2019-2020 Spending

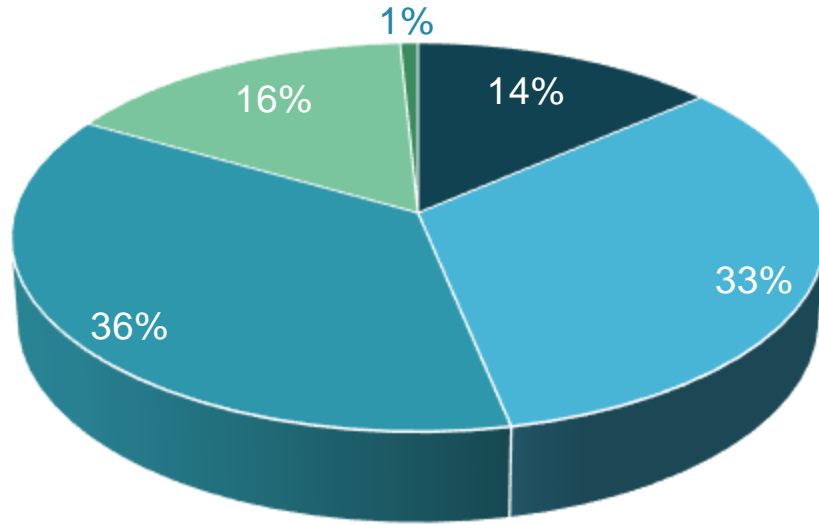
COSSA	\$17,496.83
Events	\$16,951.36
Academics and Advocacy	\$9,624.60
Services	\$7,312.12
Internal Maintenance	\$2,469.73

- COSSA
- Events
- Academics and Advocacy
- Services
- Internal Maintenance





# 2021-22 Proposed Spending



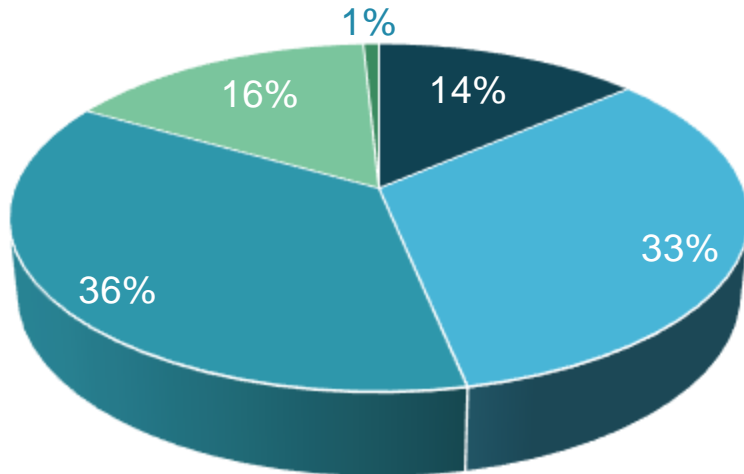
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- Events
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- Internal Maintenance

COSSA	\$12,000
Events	\$29,000
Academic and Advocacy	\$32,000
Services	\$14,000
Internal Maintenance	\$700

\*Check Appendix B for a detailed breakdown of spending

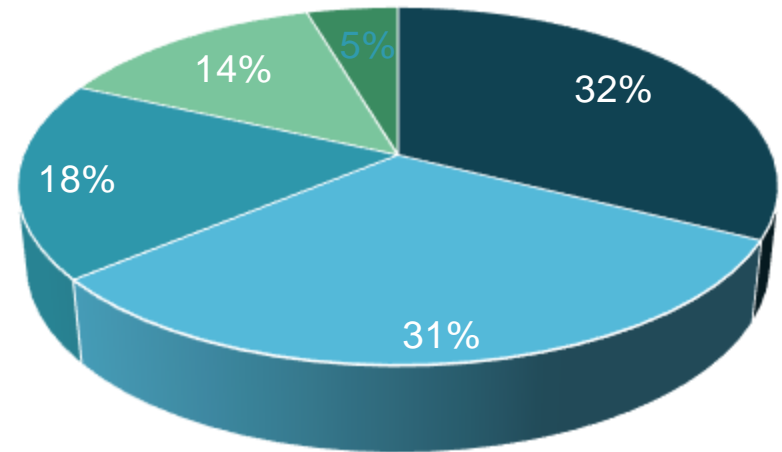
## Proposed Budget

- COSSA
- Events
- Academic and Advocacy
- Services
- Internal Maintenance



## 2019/2020 Budget

- COSSA
- Events
- Academics and Advocacy
- Services
- Internal Maintenance





2019/2020 spending: ~\$59,000  
2021/2022 budget: ~\$87, 000

# Comments on the 2019/2020 Spending

- Significantly less than budgeted due to COVID.
- Since this budget, we have included new events/increased the budget for old initiatives in response to the survey:
  - Professional Development (PD) Events
  - Eureka Scientific Journal
  - Graduation
  - Scholarships

# Comments on the Surplus

Expected annual revenue (2022-26): \$76 000  
Expected annual expenses (2022-26): \$87 000  
Current surplus: ~\$85 000

$\$87\,000 - \$76\,000 = \$11\,000$  of current  
surplus to be used each year.

$\$11\,000 * 4 \text{ years} = \$44\,000$  used (\$41 000  
remaining)

- Accumulated partly due to low expenses after COVID in previous years
- We plan on reducing our surplus to ~\$41,000 by introducing new initiatives and scholarships in the next four years.
- The remaining \$41,000 would serve as emergency funding in case of an unsuccessful FAMF renewal in 2026 or unexpected expenses over the next four years.

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## Future Actions and Consultations



# Timeline

- Fee Implementation: Fall 2022
- Fee Renewal: Fall 2026

Create Flyers and  
Banners for  
Marketing

1

January

SCI5 Tabling to  
Secure Votes and  
Spread Awareness

3

February

Additional SCI5  
Survey and  
Consultation

2

SCI5 Quizzes on  
Social Media  
Plug SCI5 in  
COSSA Group  
Newsletters, MSG,  
Social Media,  
Website, etc

4

SCI5 Tabling to  
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5

March

Vote!

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**THANKS!**

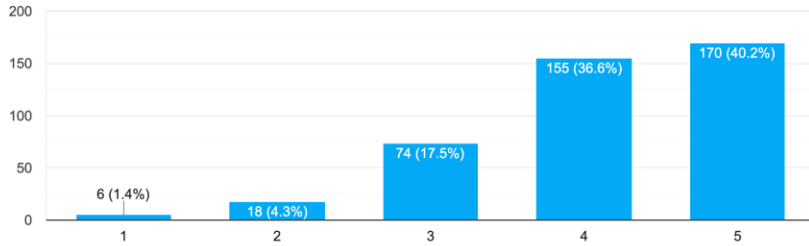
Any questions?

You can email us at [iss@ualberta.ca](mailto:iss@ualberta.ca) or  
[president@iss.ca](mailto:president@iss.ca).

# Appendices

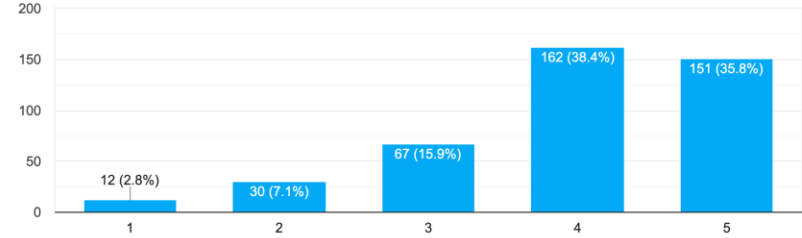
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423 responses



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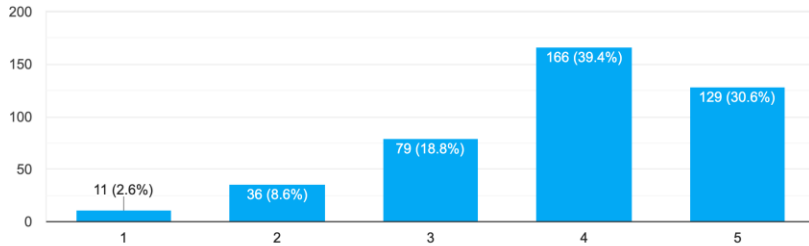
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1 = strongly disagree  
5 = strongly agree

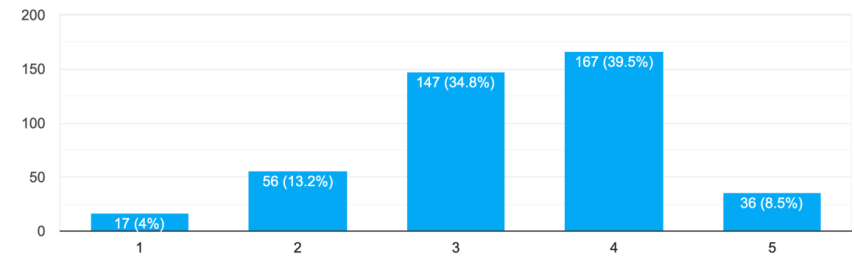
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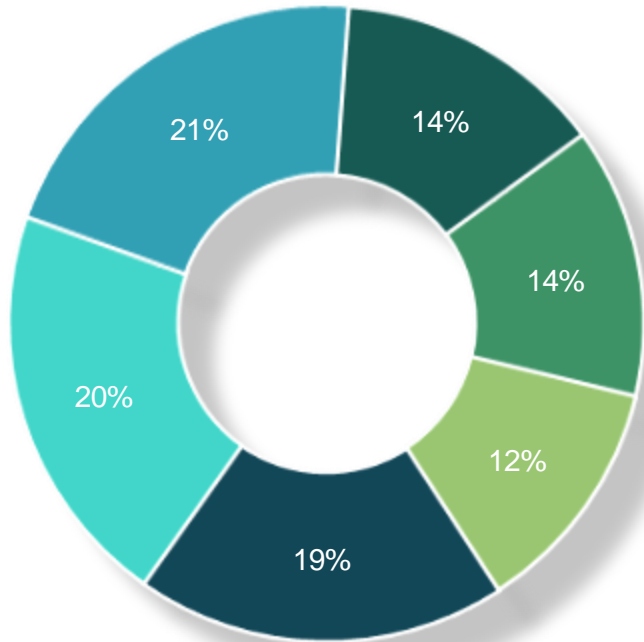
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## Appendix A: Detailed Survey Results



# Proposed Events Spending



- Science Week
- Orientation
- Graduation
- Wellness Week
- Professional Development Events
- Other Events

Science Week	\$5,500.00
Orientation	\$6,000.00
Graduation	\$6,000.00
Wellness Week	\$4,000.00
Professional Development Events	\$4,000.00
Other Events	\$3,500.00

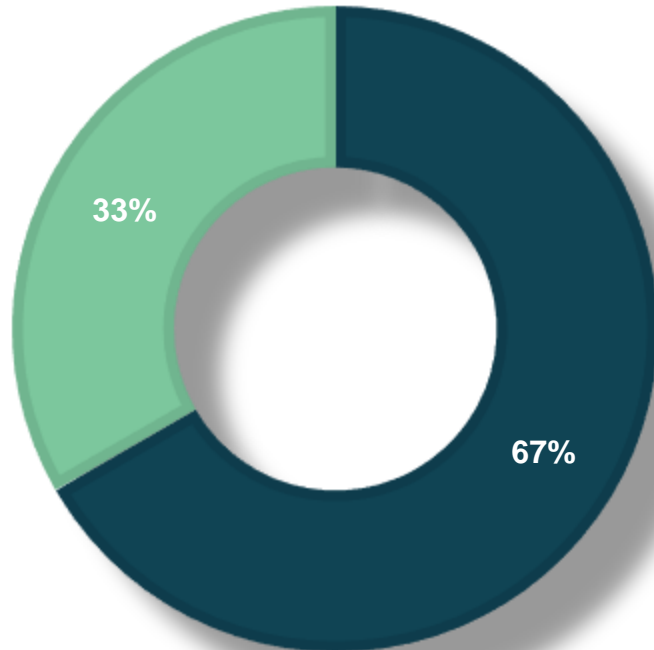


Science Week	\$5,500.00	
	Prizes	\$2,700.00
	Advertising	\$300.00
	Speaker Night	\$300.00
	Trivia Night	\$700.00
	Movie Night	\$500.00
	Carnival Events	\$1,000.00
Orientation	\$6,000.00	
	Goodie Bags	\$3,000.00
	Prizes	\$2,000.00
	Food	\$1,000.00
Graduation	\$6,000.00	
	Mementos	\$500.00
	Venue	\$200.00
	Marketing	\$100.00
	Food	\$4,000.00
	Photo Booth	\$500.00
	Decor	\$200.00

Wellness Week	\$4,000.00	
	Venue	\$1,000.00
	Game Rentals	\$1,000.00
	Prizes	\$500.00
	Wellness Nights	\$1,000.00
	Other	\$500.00
	Professional Development Events	\$4,000.00
	Workshops	\$750.00
	Industry Speakers	\$1,250.00
	Job Fair	\$1,000.00
	Other	\$1,000.00
Other Events	\$3,500.00	
	Matchomatics	\$500.00
	Social Meet	\$1,500.00
	Extra Events	\$1,500.00



# Proposed COSSA Spending



- COSSA Autofunding
- Resource and Initiative Grants

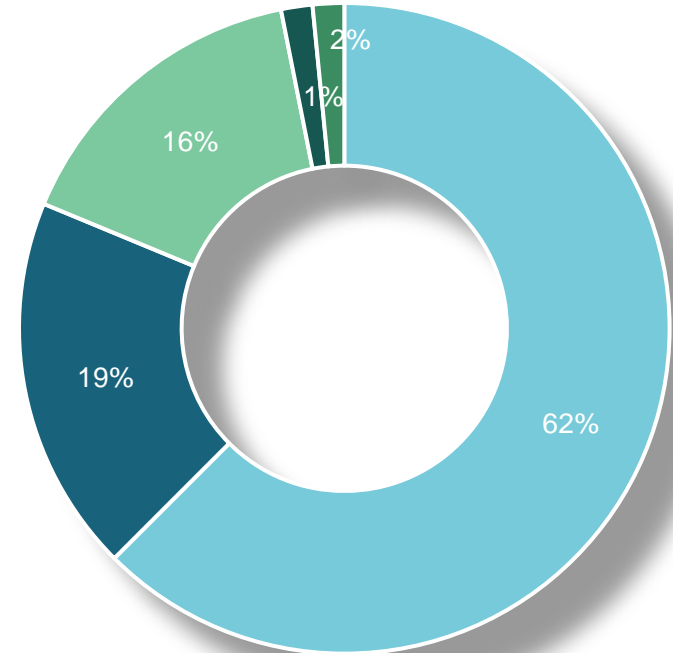
COSSA Autofunding	\$8,000
Resource and Initiative Grants	\$4,000



## Proposed Academic and Advocacy Spending

Scholarships and Professional Development Grants	\$20,000.00
Instructor Appreciation Night	\$6,000.00
Eureka Research Day and Journal	\$5,000.00
Science Student Consultation Events	\$500.00
Elections	\$500.00

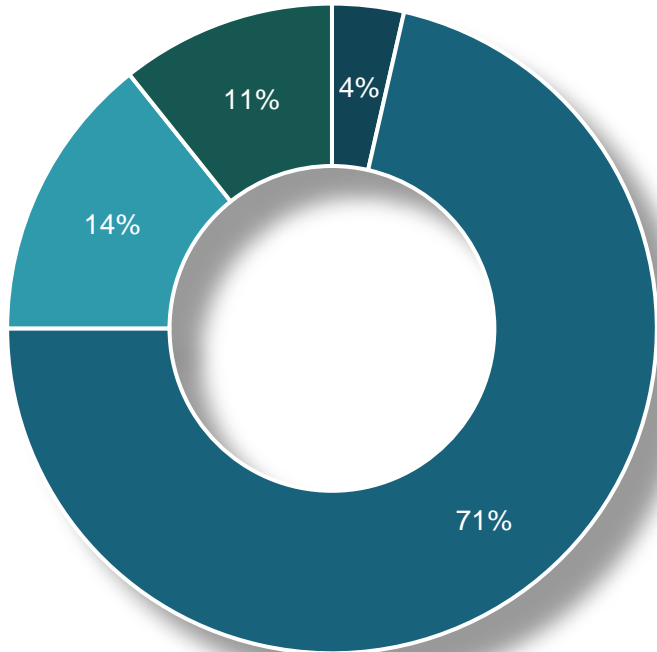
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- Elections



Scholarships and Professional Development Grants	\$20,000.00	
	Academic Scholarships	\$5,000.00
	Involvement Scholarships	\$5,000.00
	Essay Scholarships	\$5,000.00
	Marginalized and Underrepresented Group Scholarships	\$5,000.00
Instructor Appreciation Night	\$6,000.00	
	Venue	\$1,000.00
	Food	\$2,500.00
	Awards	\$1,500.00
	Other	\$1,000.00
Eureka Research Day and Journal	\$5,000.00	
Science Student Consultation Events	\$500.00	
Elections	\$500.00	



# Proposed Service Spending



Student Resources	\$500.00
Handbooks	\$10,000.00
Faculty of Science Mentorship Program	\$2,000.00
Exam Wellness Packages	\$1,500.00

- Student Resources
- Handbooks
- Faculty of Science Mentorship Program
- Exam Wellness Packages

Student Resources	\$500.00	
Handbooks	\$10,000.00	
Faculty of Science Mentorship Program	\$2,000.00	
	T-Shirts	\$1,200.00
	Mentor Event	\$800.00
Exam Wellness Packages	\$1,500.00	
	Fall	\$750.00
	Winter	\$750.00

- Office Maintenance
- Marketing
- Website



## Proposed Internal Maintenance Spending

Office Maintenance	400.00
Marketing	250.00
Website	50.00

