

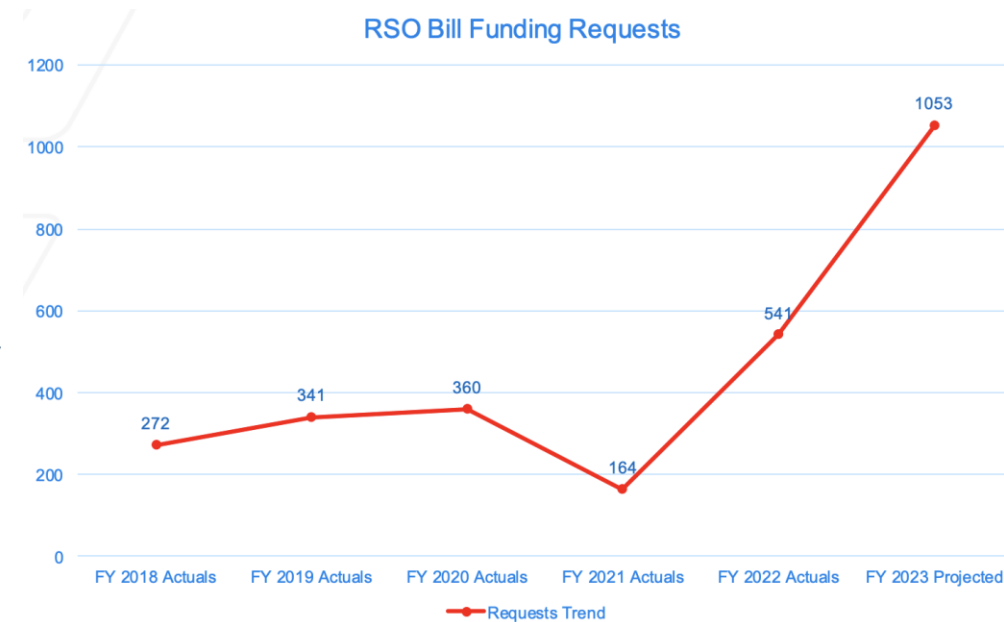
SGA MSFAC Presentation for FY25

What is the Student Activity Fee?

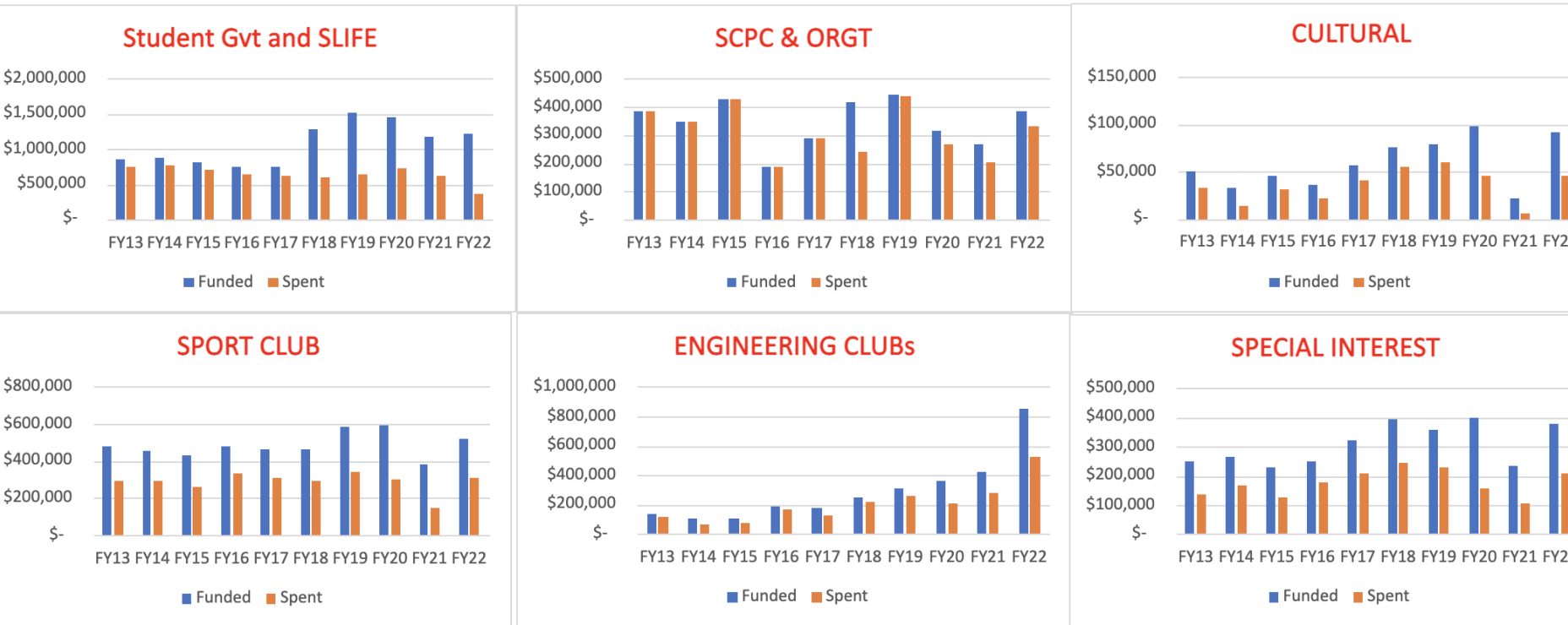
- Currently, students pay \$40 per semester to the Student Activity Fee
- The SAF funds 3 things:
 - Department Allocation
 - Budgets
 - Bills
- The Department Allocation to Student Engagement and Well-Being is 30.5% of the Budget Cap. This Departmental Budget serves to provide foundational funding to the Institute at the start of the Fiscal Year to fund personnel services directly related to supporting and administration of the activities funded by the SAF, RSOs, and student activity programs
- This funds:
 - ORGT, Student Media, Drama Tech, SCPC, SGA officer stipends
 - Large scale events for students (Week of welcome events, Six-flags night, GA aquarium night, comedy show, etc.)
- The other 69.5% of the budget cap is what is used to fund the **budget process** for the next fiscal year
- The supplemental **bills process** is made up of the sum of all unused funds (non-allocated and allocated but not spent) aggregated from previous fiscal years

Why do we have a problem now?

- In 2020, Georgia Tech was involved in a settlement directed at the SGA Allocation Process
- As a result, all ability of SGA to subjectively allocate funding was removed
- Thus all requests that meet a given criteria are approved, which resulted in an increase to the number of requests and the quantity approved
- COVID reduced the amount of money utilized
 - The Supplemental Bills Process thus saw an increase in the funds, due to unused funds from years prior
- This marks the first year that we are experiencing the effects of the policy



10 Year Breakdown of RSO Funding by Category



- Engineering Clubs have dramatically increased the amount of funding they obtain from SGA.
- The increase is also due to the creation of more RSOs.
- As the student population grows, RSOs will be requiring more funds to operate and serve everyone.

What Would Happen with No Increase?

- With no SAF Increase, SGA will continue to have less money to work with as the years go on due to the increasing student population.
- As more of the **500+** RSOs start to come to SGA for funding, more money will start being requested and allocated
- With less SGA funding, RSOs will find it more difficult to obtain funding for events and activities as SGA is typically their only option.
- RSOs such as SCPC will have fewer ways to obtain funding for large scale events, such as GT Night at Six Flags and Night at the Aquarium.
- It is likely that many RSOs would fall apart as it is difficult for college students to cover the financial burden of operating an organization.

What Is Being Done?

- SGA has expressed concerns to GT administration
- We are in the process of fixing our SAF Policy
- We have developed a more equitable budget cut process for RSOs
- We are looking at external funding sources to support RSOs