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BSU Loses Funding For Next Year

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The Black Student Union will not be funded during the 1988-89 academic year due to its failure to submit a budget request to the Student Association treasurer by Feb. 12.

As of yesterday Student Association Treasurer Amy Hennisch had not received the budget request. Therefore, she said, BSU will not be included in the 1988-89 SA budget, and any attempt to include it now could mean violating the SA Constitution.

Budget was submitted

But BSU President Sandra Chase

claims the budget was submitted Feb. 12 at 5:45 p.m. (still before the deadline), but refused to comment further.

"It was submitted, and that is all I have left to say," Chase said yesterday.

This year BSU received \$24,950 from SA. According to Hennisch, it would have received a similar amount next year had it submitted a budget request before the deadline.

"Now they will have to take the issue up with the Finance Committee and the Senate," she said.

Hennisch will be submitting her budget to the Finance Committee today.

"It's really sad (it lost funding), they are a good

organization. I just don't understand why (its request) is not in," Hennisch said. "Obviously people knew about the deadlines...(because) out of 150 organizations, BSU is the only active club that didn't submit a request."

"No choice"

Hennisch said she had no choice but to not include BSU in the 1988-89 budget since BSU violated budgetary guidelines as established in the SA Constitution.

The clause Hennisch referred to was Article VII, Section 1,A which states: "All Student Association organizations recognized with funding must, by the second Friday in February, submit a written line item budget request to the Treasurer of the Student Association."

While Hennisch told BSU officers last week that she hadn't received a budget request, she formally notified them yesterday that they would not receive specific funding for the 1988-89 academic year.

The memorandum sent by Hennisch to BSU stated: "As of today's date I have still not received a budget request from you for the 1988-89 academic year. According to the SA Constitution, the deadline for handing in requests for the



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1988-89 budget was Friday, February 12th, 1988.

"As a result, BSU will not be included in the 1988-89 budget. You will have to appeal this to the Finance Committee and the Senate."

Funding could be restored

Hennisch conceded that funding could be restored to BSU "if the Senate votes to do so." But in so doing she added, the Senate would

be compromising the SA Constitution and, conceivably, someone could ask for the removal of the senators on the grounds that they violated the Constitution.

Also, she said, that if she had included BSU in the 1988-89 budget, she would have violated the SA Constitution and therefore would have been subject to impeachment.

The Black Student Union, if it is
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to receive funding for any of its programs next year, will have to request funding from the SA Minority Affairs Coordinator, who has been budgeted \$5,000.

Another avenue it may wish to explore will be the new "special activities fund" for students which Hennisch just created.

Hennisch said the money which would have gone to BSU has been distributed to fund or partially fund other areas such as the special activities fund, a Student Association newsletter, the SA van and for increases in some student clubs.