



Spring 2007 Report

## Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Brandeis Students:

Club Sports Program agreement, BEMCO truck debt payment, transition from STEP (short-term expense planning) to ER (emergency requests), introduction of CORI, *Treasurer's Manual*, new funding scope of the Finance Board, off-campus bank account policy.... These are just a few of many new initiations and projects that have occurred during fiscal year 2006 ~ 2007.

### **SAF Implementation**

The implementation of the Student Activities Fee (SAF) amendment added to bustle and excitement in the Student Union during the last fiscal year. Created by Student Union leaders during fiscal year 2005 ~ 2006, the SAF amendment changed the funding structure of clubs on campus. Instead of allocating a specific percentage of the money collected in the SAF to particular clubs – as was the precedent – the amendment provided a fair playing field for all clubs to apply for a fair share of SAF money. From that point on, no club was given guaranteed funding. Each club had to prove that it deserved the money it was requesting.

### **The State of the System**

Brandeis chose me to be the Treasurer after the sudden resignation of the former Treasurer. Immediately, I was struck by the amount of work associated with the position – far more than what I had imagined. Even more shocking, though, was the status of the treasury system. Before I ran for this position, a fly on the wall told me that the treasury system was one of the worst aspects of the Student Union. I had to see it for myself. 10 Treasurers in the past 5 years had occupied the so-called “black hole of the Student Union.” I soon began to understand why.

The Union treasury needed stability. I spent my first few months trying to make that necessary internal stabilization happen. Stability was the key; stability was insurance that the basic foundation for SAF could be instilled. We in the Union have been on the right track to a more complete treasury system since then.

### **The Report**

This report contains an overall summary of the financial affairs of the Spring 2007 semester. It is my personal belief that a Treasurer should make this kind of report available to all students by the end of every fiscal year. However, since the system has not always been up to standard (and is not there yet), it is not possible to provide you with a more advanced report.

The problem with the current structure is that club leaders go to more than one place on campus for money transactions instead of only going to the Student Union. Because of this, we in the Treasury do not have access to certain information. This system makes it impossible to compile a single, unified report that catalogs all of the funds that are allotted to every club and what each club is doing with their money.

The new system for fiscal year 2007 ~ 2008 will involve a sole destination (the Student Union) to which all clubs must go through for any money transactions. The only exception will be for clubs under the new Club Sports Program. This will help us tell you what clubs are doing with your SAF money and will create sense of accountability for all entities spending SAF funds.

### **Upcoming Year**

Fiscal year 2007 ~ 2008 will see a completely new treasury system. If people think that the SAF amendment was the biggest Brandeis student financial reform in years, they are mistaken. The most recent off-campus bank account policy (which eliminated all off-campus bank accounts of individual clubs by bringing all assets under the University umbrella), set in April 2007, is going to change many things. This policy affects almost all aspects of the treasury system. To accommodate the heightened level of responsibility of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurers will be appointed. They will be part of the Office of the Treasurer and assist me in all aspects of the Union finances. It is my hope that with more help, the Union Treasury will be able to provide students better service.

### **The Future**

The future of the treasury system along with its fiscal stability looks promising. As I enter my last year as the Treasurer and as a Brandeis student, my ultimate goal is to finish building a well-structured treasury system that can last. With stability, this is possible. Additionally, I feel as if a good system can reduce the workload of the Treasurer from what it is currently 40+ hours a week to anywhere between 15 ~ 30 hours a week.

All students should expect the most thorough, complete, and informative financial report the Union has ever provided to be released in May of 2008. Throughout the year, expect initiatives and projects that have one common purpose: more stability in the system resulting in the improvement of student affairs and overall campus life.

Best,

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*Thanks to all Student Union Government officers of 2006 ~ 2007, especially Alison Schwartzbaum, President, and Sridatta Mukherjee, Finance Board Chair, who played integral roles in strengthening Union financial affairs.*

*Numbers in this report do not represent all expenditures and are based only on Spring 2007 semester.*

*“Allocations” and “Clubs” sections only represent the Finance Board allocations portion of chartered clubs.*

*The “Categorical Analysis” section represents both the Finance Board allocations and fundraising accounts portions of chartered and recognized clubs.*

*Figures and data of Secured Organizations are not included in this report due to a dispersion of payment methods during fiscal year 2006 ~ 2007.*

## Statistics

	<b>Allocated Budget (US\$)</b>
Mean	2134.58
Minimum	17.05
Lower Quantile	650.00
Median	1524.90
Upper Quantile	2654.83
Maximum	12065.80
Skewness	1.99
Kurtosis	5.15

## Allocations

	# of Clubs	\$ Requested	\$ Granted	% of Grant Rate
<b>Marathons</b>				
Spring '07 Early Marathon	29	73,003.40	43,097.34	59.03%
Spring '07 Regular Marathon	112	308,107.40	204,131.20	66.25%
<b>Marathon TOTAL</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>381,110.80</b>	<b>247,228.54</b>	<b>64.87%</b>
<b>Emergency Requests (ER)</b>				
February 14, 2007	14	17,222.54	9,474.68	55.01%
February 28, 2007	14	10,048.69	7,487.97	74.52%
March 7, 2007	17	12,733.83	5,915.05	46.45%
March 14, 2007	18	11,870.80	9,410.30	79.27%
March 28, 2007	26	16,666.35	7,731.10	46.39%
<b>ER TOTAL</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>68,542.21</b>	<b>40,019.10</b>	<b>58.39%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>32.86</b>	<b>449,653.01</b>	<b>287,247.64</b>	<b>63.88%</b>

## Clubs

	Jan - Jun 07	Budget	\$ Unspent	% of Budget Spent
3D Digital Artists	44.95	44.95	0.00	100.0%
Adagio Dance Company	3,359.40	3,579.40	220.00	93.85%
African Dance Club	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	100.0%
AHORA!	945.00	945.00	0.00	100.0%
Aikido Club	1,292.40	1,200.00	-92.40	107.7%
Alpine Snow Sports Club	1,840.98	3,200.00	1,359.02	57.53%
Arab-Jewish Dialogue Group	892.45	2,000.00	1,107.55	44.62%
Arab Culture Club	915.06	959.54	44.48	95.36%
Archery	1,588.44	1,600.00	11.56	99.28%
Argentine Tango Society	2,350.00	2,500.00	150.00	94.0%
Asian American Students Association	7,143.46	7,239.95	96.49	98.67%
Asian Baptist Student Koinonia	2,563.50	2,638.50	75.00	97.16%
B'yachad	641.27	641.27	0.00	100.0%
Brandeis Academic Debate & Speech	7,917.98	9,600.00	1,682.02	82.48%
Badminton Club	350.00	375.00	25.00	93.33%
Ballet Club	2,865.64	2,625.00	-240.64	109.17%
Ballroom Dance Club	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Ballroom Dance Team	7,585.00	8,000.00	415.00	94.81%
BaRuCH	2,780.00	3,590.00	810.00	77.44%
Bellydance Ensemble	4,733.76	4,740.00	6.24	99.87%
Black Student Organization	4,794.68	5,202.00	407.32	92.17%
Blowfish, The	2,013.99	2,423.99	410.00	83.09%
Boris' Kitchen	695.89	700.00	4.11	99.41%
Boston Cultural Arts Club	4,181.95	4,500.00	318.05	92.93%
Brandeis Equestrian Club	6,970.00	7,000.00	30.00	99.57%
Brandeis Israel Public Affairs	75.00	75.00	0.00	100.0%
Brandeis Official Readers Guild	1,077.91	1,080.00	2.09	99.81%
Brandeis Players	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Brandeis Quiz Bowl	1,814.80	1,634.80	-180.00	111.01%
Brandeis Science Scope (BSQ)	1,195.00	2,408.00	1,213.00	49.63%
Brandeis Society for Creative Fantasy	180.00	180.00	0.00	100.0%
Brandeis Swingers	1,555.00	1,555.00	0.00	100.0%
Brandeis U. Marching Band	376.97	396.92	19.95	94.97%
Brandeis University Conservative	71.48	71.48	0.00	100.0%
Brandeis University Kayak Assoc	170.00	1,720.00	1,550.00	9.88%
Brandeis Zionist Alliance	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.0%
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%
Capoeira Brandeis	1,500.00	1,514.80	14.80	99.02%
Caribbean Connexion	1,360.00	1,860.00	500.00	73.12%

	<u>Jan - Jun 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Unspent</u>	<u>% of Budget Spent</u>
Chabad at Brandeis	1,270.50	1,270.50	0.00	100.0%
Chinese Cultural Connection	1,869.27	1,875.72	6.45	99.66%
Co-ed Water Polo Club	442.00	442.00	0.00	100.0%
College Democrats	0.00	17.05	17.05	0.0%
Comic Book Club	399.41	400.00	0.59	99.85%
Console Gamers X	319.97	319.97	0.00	100.0%
Counseling/Rape Crisis Hotline	2,953.32	3,174.12	220.80	93.04%
Crew	11,565.80	12,065.80	500.00	95.86%
Culinary Arts Club	2,922.83	3,470.00	547.17	84.23%
Cycling Club and Team	2,006.72	4,041.31	2,034.59	49.66%
Democracy for America	0.00	545.00	545.00	0.0%
English Language Learning (ESL)	570.62	622.09	51.47	91.73%
Ensemble Theater	1,285.00	1,285.00	0.00	100.0%
Field Hockey Club	0.00	1,344.99	1,344.99	0.0%
FIMRC	150.00	273.00	123.00	54.95%
FMLA - Feminist Majority L.A.	415.46	2,870.10	2,454.64	14.48%
Gravity	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	100.0%
Gymnastics Club	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Hillel Theater Group	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Hip Hop Dance Club	95.88	240.00	144.12	39.95%
Hold Thy Peace	1,183.27	1,200.00	16.73	98.61%
Holocaust Remembrance Week	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.0%
Hooked on Tap (H.O.T.)	200.00	210.00	10.00	95.24%
Hoot, The	6,869.52	6,869.52	0.00	100.0%
Ice Hockey Club	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Ice Skating Club	2,090.00	2,660.00	570.00	78.57%
International Club	1,445.77	3,331.50	1,885.73	43.4%
Jam Society	539.98	545.25	5.27	99.03%
Japanese Student Association	593.55	650.00	56.45	91.32%
Juggling Society	497.55	650.00	152.45	76.55%
Just Fencing	1,305.30	1,420.00	114.70	91.92%
Knitting Club	53.88	99.60	45.72	54.1%
Kokondo Academy	1,400.00	1,485.00	85.00	94.28%
Korean Student Association	4,131.50	4,148.30	16.80	99.6%
Laurel Moon	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	100.0%
Liquid Latex	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Medieval Society	532.00	534.20	2.20	99.59%
Meditation Club	226.27	260.00	33.73	87.03%
Men's Lacrosse	4,311.02	5,077.00	765.98	84.91%
Men's Ultimate	4,746.52	5,693.00	946.48	83.38%

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Men's Volleyball Club Team	2,005.00	2,095.00	90.00	95.7%
Middle East Review Club	0.00	1,185.00	1,185.00	0.0%
Mitzvah Corps.	1,213.82	1,376.00	162.18	88.21%
Mock Trial Association	1,998.62	2,278.62	280.00	87.71%
Model UN Club	1,035.00	1,535.00	500.00	67.43%
Namaskar	459.50	459.50	0.00	100.0%
Orthodox Organization (BOO)	2,300.00	3,520.00	1,220.00	65.34%
Outdoor and Mountaineering Club	4,598.57	4,800.00	201.43	95.8%
Paintball Club	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	100.0%
Philosophically Speaking	667.00	667.00	0.00	100.0%
Photography Club	0.00	913.61	913.61	0.0%
Positive Foundations	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Pottery Club	270.75	405.34	134.59	66.8%
Pre-Health Society	617.24	2,250.00	1,632.76	27.43%
Pre-Veterinary Society	225.00	225.00	0.00	100.0%
Punk Rock	8,143.50	8,271.63	128.13	98.45%
Rocky Horror Picture Show Fan Club	395.00	395.00	0.00	100.0%
Rugby Football Club (Men's)	2,805.56	4,534.00	1,728.44	61.88%
Russian Club	887.51	1,347.00	459.49	65.89%
Salseros	1,125.00	1,125.00	0.00	100.0%
SASA - South Asian Student Assn	1,140.34	2,767.00	1,626.66	41.21%
SFT - Students for a Free Tibet	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.0%
Ski Team	1,753.60	3,659.62	1,906.02	47.92%
Skydiving & Future Endeavors	3,825.15	3,825.00	-0.15	100.0%
So Unique	1,767.56	1,919.93	152.37	92.06%
Southeast Asia Club (SEAC)	299.22	578.00	278.78	51.77%
STAND	628.00	1,025.00	397.00	61.27%
Student Global AIDS Campaign	20.47	24.96	4.49	82.01%
Student Peace Alliance	1,479.50	2,195.50	716.00	67.39%
Student Sex. Info. Svc. (SSIS)	3,408.13	4,231.20	823.07	80.55%
Students for Envir. Action (SEA)	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00	100.0%
Table Tennis Society	1,366.95	1,449.95	83.00	94.28%
Tae Kwon Do	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Tai Chi Club	1,367.96	1,690.00	322.04	80.94%
Teatro Revolucion	2,108.92	2,230.00	121.08	94.57%
Top Score	377.92	656.86	278.94	57.53%
Triskelion (GLBTQSA Alliance)	4,596.55	5,576.00	979.45	82.44%
Tympanium Euphorium	2,486.36	2,500.00	13.64	99.45%
Uechi-ryu Karate	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	100.0%
Up the Beanstalk	575.00	575.00	0.00	100.0%

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Vagina Club	1,197.57	1,294.06	96.49	92.54%
Voices of Praise – Gospel Choir	325.00	475.00	150.00	68.42%
Volunteer Vacations	1,080.00	1,260.00	180.00	85.71%
Where the Children Play	1,375.00	1,375.00	0.00	100.0%
Women's Lacrosse	3,995.00	3,995.00	0.00	100.0%
Women's Rugby Club	2,542.46	4,475.88	1,933.42	56.8%
Women's Ultimate	1,919.32	2,639.32	720.00	72.72%
Works in Progress	574.50	295.00	-279.50	194.75%
Wun Hop Kuen Do	1,230.00	1,230.00	0.00	100.0%
Yoga Club	1,540.00	1,600.00	60.00	96.25%
Zionists for Historical Veracity	415.51	1,678.60	1,263.09	24.75%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>234,227.93</b>	<b>277,495.20</b>	<b>43,267.27</b>	<b>84.41%</b>

## Categorical Analysis

Categories	Amount (\$)
Materials/Equipment	
Office-Related Supplies	6,223.76
Printing/Publication	19,965.52
Costumes/Clothing	13,193.52
First Aid Kit	53.84
Books	1,330.93
Electronics/Software	11,142.22
Theater/Play/Performance-Related	10,414.18
Sports-Related	12,228.59
Music-Related	1,220.21
Publicity/Decoration	1,977.09
Miscellaneous	5,564.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83,314.11</b>
Food/Utensils/Drinks	15,783.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,783.97</b>
Travel	
Lodging	2,836.26
Transportation	11,796.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,632.97</b>
CES (Conference & Events Services)	
Table, Chair, Linen	3,280.70
AV Rentals	2,080.00
Room Rental	1,105.00
Pipes & Drapes	2,740.91
Custodian	9,000.00
Set-up/Breakdown/Delivery	1,910.00
Public Safety	6,515.00
Miscellaneous	2,135.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,766.61</b>

Categories	Amount (\$)
Fees	
Gym/Studio/Room/Service	10,355.15
Competitive Fee	22,408.85
Non-Competitive Fee	16,075.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,839.16</b>
Professional Fees	
Bands/DJs/Performers	18,680.39
Coaches/Instructors/Teachers	64,211.11
Referees/Judges	3,445.00
Speakers	8,090.60
EMT/Lifeguards	856.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,283.30</b>
Miscellaneous	10,320.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,320.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>296,940.12</b>