

COSO,

I would like some clarification. What does it mean that "COSO did not approve you to spend into the negative for your next event"? Are you saying that this will increase our club debt or that we will not be able to request security because of the existing debt?

I find this idea of "being in good standing" to be normative and ultimately subjective. We would not have incurred this debt if the Dartmouth administration had given us the courtesy of canceling our in-person event before the very last minute. Police presence is not required at a Zoom event. Additionally, I had never had to fill out a COSO budget form before for security for our previous event. There was not an issue before this point. In our meeting, we had said that our first course of action was to dispute the charge, and if that was not possible, we could try to fundraise somehow.

We have discussed this before, but because of this issue, COSO is basically asking us to suspend our operations until this is resolved, which could take months at the very least. Otherwise, we will continue to incur debt.

Beyond this, the only reason our club needs this much security for events is because of the leftist students making threats. It's very simple to make anonymous online threats, and their goal is to either get our events canceled or make them so expensive that the costs are exorbitant thus preventing us from operating. I understand that other events have required security, but I can't imagine that any other student group needed New Hampshire S.W.A.T. present at a speaking event.

During the meeting this past Wednesday, a representative at COSO had said that they would consider funding our club again if they had seen steps taken to pay back the debt. What does that entail? Is it enough to announce a fundraiser? How much money must be paid back before our club would be deemed to be in "good standing"?

Perhaps these issues are beyond your purview, but each department keeps sending us to another (COSO, SNS, Dartmouth administration) and it seems that no one can provide concrete answers. It looks like each department operates separately and that there are often no guidelines in these situations or that the guidelines are loosely interpreted and enforced selectively at each department's discretion.

Thanks.

Best,
Chloe