

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1015**

**TITLE: Balkan Student Association**

**AUTHOR: Senate Allocations Committee**

**AMOUNT: \$1,321.00**

**Special Request for:**

<b>Programming</b>	<b>\$304.00</b>
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>\$515.00</b>
<b>Copies</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>\$482.00</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,321.00</b>

**President: Selena Susa**

**Active Members: 22**

**Purpose:** We aim to unify the various Balkan nationalities represented on campus by creating a safe space for Balkan students and representing their interests at the University of Florida. The goal of this organization is to celebrate the Balkan heritage by organizing cultural events, maintaining fluency of the languages, and presenting our culture to our non-Balkan peers and Gainesville community. A large portion of the culture we share is through food.

**Activities:** We have been creating themes for every general body meeting, always relating to some aspect of our Balkan background. Some examples of these themes are Balkan holidays, Famous Balkan athletes, Language differences between Balkan counties and Music in the Balkans. We have many socials planned but most require funding. We do not want to ask for dues because many of our members are international students on scholarship, and may not be able to contribute. We understand that we are asking for more than 15% of food in our budget, but our culture is heavily based in our food and we would love to be able to hold socials to make crepes or cevapi or other traditional foods. This is something our members have asked for repeatedly. For now, we would simply like to have food at our meetings to encourage more members to come and participate. When people come, they usually continue coming because our discussions are engaging and relatable for all but we could use an incentive for more people to come (food). Sports and cooking socials are our most popular events, we would like to do more of these in the future as well as branch out to engage with other clubs.

*Proviso: This allocation will exhaust at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2019*