SGA allocates $400 to recent ASU cultural show

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Following an intense debate, members of the Barnard College Student Government Association (SGA) Representative Council voted last night to allocate $400 from its contingency fund to the Asian Student Union (ASU) for a cultural show that it sponsored last weekend.

Several SGA members said they were opposed to allocating any funds to the ASU because the group did not submit a budget for this semester. If the group had submitted a budget, the organization would have received an annual allotment of funds and would not have had to approach the council for money last night.

SGA Treasurer Jenny Levin, BC ’94, said it was not fair to give the ASU money from the contingency fund, which is used for emergency purposes, because the ASU would not have needed the money if members had submitted a budget.

President of the Class of 1993
Sun Min said she agreed with Levin.

"As a second-year council member, I'm sick of clubs coming in, asking for money because of their own irresponsibilities," Kim said.

ASU President Sabera Choudhury, BC '93, said she told SGA Vice President of Student Activities Wanda Cole, BC '94, earlier this semester that the group did not submit a budget because they would not require much money. Choudhury said she told Cole she would ask her later if the ASU needed money for specific events.

Also at last night's meeting, SGA Liaison to the Engineering Student Council (ESC) Letty Colon, BC '94, said she would continue to serve in her office until a replacement was appointed. Colon announced last week that she was resigning from her post because she did not think the ESC took relations with Barnard College seriously.

The SGA Rep Council also voted to co-sponsor an AIDS survey, along with Barnard Health Services, which will be sent to all Barnard students.