STUDENT SENATE AUTHORIZATION 2015-120

TITLE: Funding for VISA Sub-Organization: Signing Gators

AUTHOR: Senate Allocations Committee

AMOUNT: $2,463.50

Special Request for:

Signing Gators

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<td>Programming (Venue, AVV Equipment, Decorations)</td>
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<td>Advertising (Facebook Ads)</td>
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<td>Copies (SG Copies B&amp;W- Flyers)</td>
<td>$28.50</td>
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<td>Food</td>
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Total for Signing Gators $2,463.50

President: Marisa Mato

Active Members: 50

Purpose:

VISA's mission is to promote cultural diversity and awareness to the UF student body through hosting and helping the sub-organizations host various cultural events throughout the year. Signing Gators is a club that aims to educate students and community members on topics relating to the Deaf culture, American Sign Language (ASL), and provide opportunities to interact with Deaf or hard-of-hearing people, such as guest speakers from the local Deaf community. They aim to both teach basic ASL, and improve existing skills in the language.

Activities:

Through the various events that are hosted, they plan bridge the gap between Deaf individuals by establishing and promoting a standard of inclusion and accessibility. For Deaf and hard-of-hearing, they provide the ability to communicate in ASL, which for most of them is their native language. They also host events that are able to draw together the Deaf. Their events provide the ability to interact and befriend members of the Deaf community and opportunities for them to learn about their culture and develop greater skill in
ASL. The fun, exciting, and active learning environment that Signing Gators provides allows people of all interests to find their niche within this organization. The Signing Gators is open to all UF students and has been expanding their outreach on campus.

Proviso: This allocation will exhaust at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2016

Susan Webster  
Senate President  
10/28/15

Nicholas Carre  
Student Body Treasurer  
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