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## **Free Admissions to SAF Funded Events Advisory Committee**

The goal of the Office of the Treasurer is to help make campus life better for the undergraduate students and Brandeis University. One of the questions that we discussed was whether or not it was fair that students should pay admissions to Student Activities Fee (SAF) financed events.

Every semester, Brandeis undergraduates pay Brandeis the equivalent of one percent of their tuition (SAF) in addition to the money that they already pay. That money is then requested by the over 250 chartered clubs on campus to create events and activities that they would like to partake in. Events such as Pachanga and the many University Theater Collective plays name a few of the events funded at least in part by SAF money.

If students have already paid for an event through their tuition check, then why should they have to pay again to attend it?

“Free admission” to SAF funded events is currently a part of a one-semester pilot program. A Free Admissions Advisory Committee was created to analyze the affect of free admissions on the Brandeis undergraduate population in terms of attendance to events and enjoyment and its effect on the clubs who put wonderful events on every year. The goal of this committee will be to make a recommendation to the Student Union Treasurer on whether or not this free admissions policy should be carried over for semesters to come.

This committee is comprised of campus leaders who will have a wide range of perspectives on this issue. Chairing the committee will be Jahfree Duncan, currently the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Treasurer. Other members include Christina Khemraj (currently the Executive Board’s director of Campus life), Richa Sahay, Tanya Kostochka, Jen Diakun, Andrew Franks, and the other members of the Office of the Treasurer will participate in this committee’s discussions as well.