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TO: All Brandeis Undergraduate Students

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SUBJECT: Free Admissions; Finance Reform

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Effective January 1, 2008, all events funded by the Finance Board of the Student Union Government will have free admissions for all Brandeis undergraduate students. Additionally, clubs cannot require that Brandeis undergraduate students pay for any other items or services funded by the Finance Board at an event. This pilot project will be in place only for the duration of spring 2008 semester.

However, there are two important aspects of this project:

- Clubs may charge any non-Brandeis undergraduate students (Brandeis graduate students, staff and faculty members, and non-Brandeis members), and
- Clubs may ask for suggested donations, but no undergraduate students should be forced to pay.

In addition to their tuition bill, Brandeis undergraduate students pay the equivalent of 1% of their tuition fee, known as the Student Activities Fee. The Finance Board allocates this money to chartered clubs and secured organizations. It is for this reason that treasury members of the Student Union Government believe that there should be ways to minimize further financial burdens on students. This pilot project will enable us to study both ends of the spectrum— both clubs charging tickets freely without any limitations and clubs not charging tickets at all— so that, if needed, we can find the most mutually beneficial compromise at the end of the Spring 2008 semester.

During the period of this pilot project, members of the Student Union Government, especially members of the Finance Board and the Office of the Treasurer, will be studying and analyzing the impact of this project on several areas including, but not limited to, social life and financial stability.

The Student Union Government takes this matter very seriously and we will be doing everything possible to have your input into this matter. Several mechanisms such as polls and open forums will be used to get your input.

Over the winter break, I will be sending out a follow-up e-mail with logistical details and other important matters related to this pilot project.