

**STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)
FY 2013 PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FORENSIC SOCIETY,
HOME OF THE U OF H SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM**



***“CONTINUING TO ELEVATE NATIONAL RECOGNITION
OF OUR UNIVERSITY WITH
COMMUNITY INTERACTION,
ON-CAMPUS AMBASSADORSHIP,
AND COMPETITION
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES”***

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1. Please provide a one-page executive summary of your questionnaire responses.

MISSION:

The mission of the University of Houston Forensic Society (UHFS) is to create opportunities for all students to apply their public speaking skills in ways that benefit local communities and bring recognition to the University of Houston. The UHFS recognizes that public speaking represents one of the world's greatest fears. Therefore, membership is **open to all students** – regardless of levels of experience or ability – and encourages participation in community service as well as national competition with other universities.

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION:

While a majority of other collegiate forensic programs focus solely on national awards and rankings, the UHFS realizes that it is uniquely positioned as part of an urban university in the seventh largest school district in the U.S., the Houston Independent School District (HISD). Considering that less than 15% of HISD's 300+ schools have resources to sponsor speech, debate, and theatre programs, the UHFS is obligated to fill a void by offering a combination of on-campus educational events, community services and resources, and collegiate competitions for the UH Speech & Debate Team. Some of the programs planned for FY2013 include:

Volunteering:

- Judging at Greater Houston K-12 schools
- Volunteering to perform at orphanages, homeless shelters, & hospitals
- Coaching students at schools with limited faculty/financial resources

Hosting:

- Invitational forensic contests for elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges/universities
- Hosting events that appeal to different races/ethnicities represented in \ K-12 schools, e/g/ speech/theatre contests in Spanish)
- Low-cost forensic workshops for inner-city and Greater Houston students
- Instructional seminars for inexperienced forensic coaches
- District, state, and national forensic championship contests
- Offering/directing summer camps for students

Competing:

- Local contests in Texas & Louisiana for members, regardless of experience
- Regional competitions for students achieving local success
- National contests for members capable of bringing recognition to UH

JUSTIFICATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION'S FEE ALLOCATION:

The UHFS was re-established in July 2002 under the dual umbrella of the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Honors College. **Beginning with no students or identifiable events at all, the UHFS is now the most active collegiate host of on-campus events and educational programs in Texas, if not the U.S.!** Under the direction of volunteer Director of Forensics Dr. Michael L. Fain, **the 2010-2011 UHFS has involved 300+ students in on-campus activities** – with more than 9,000+ students/faculty attending all events which are hosted or judged by UHFS members.

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2. Provide an organization chart of your unit.

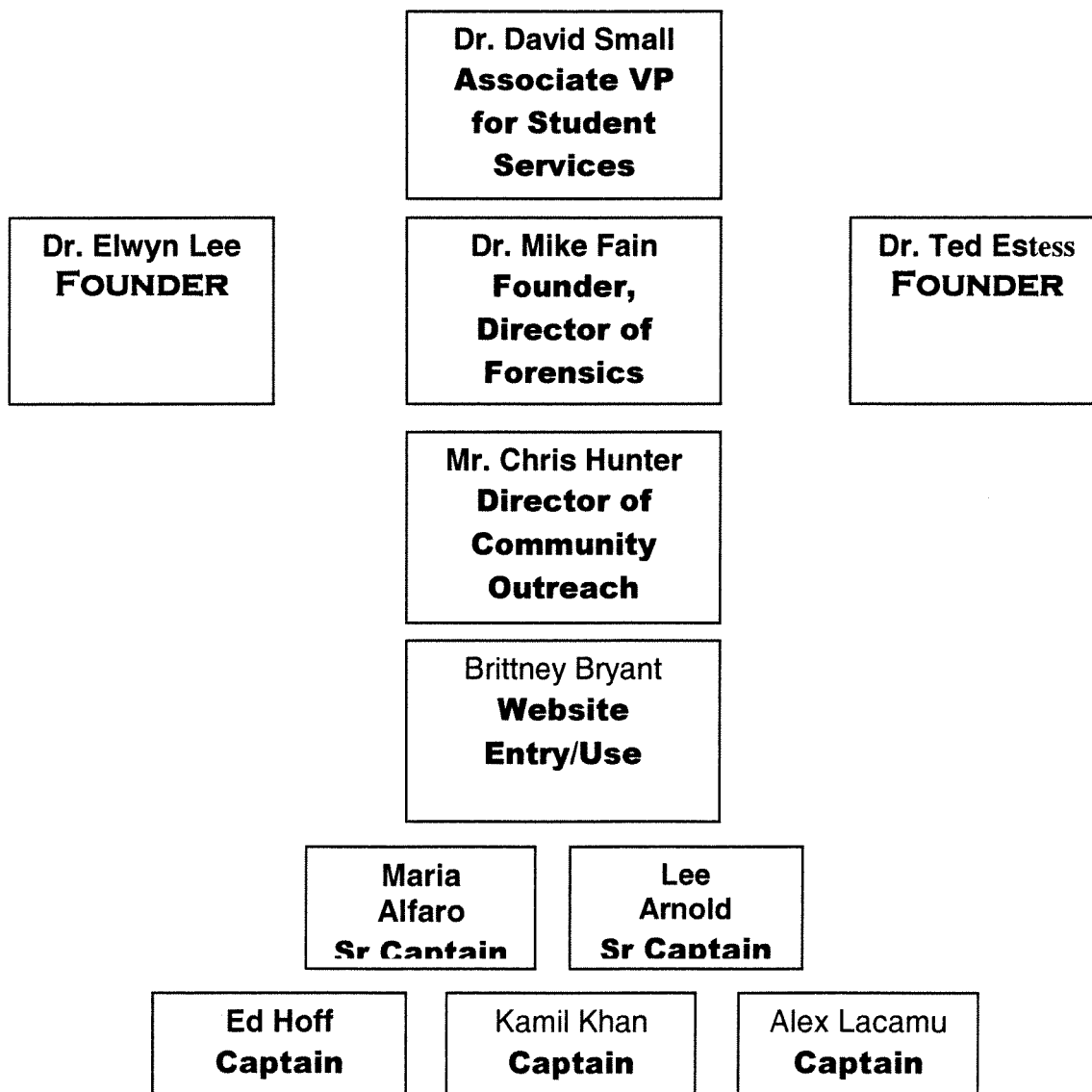
The current administration of all on-campus events, community service activities, and Team competitions has been shared between Director of Forensics Dr. Michael L. Fain, Director of Community Outreach Mr. Chris Hunter, Senior Captains Maria Alfaro & Lee Arnold, and Co-Captains Ed Hoff, Alex Lacamu, and Kamil Khan..

Dr. Fain's direction of both the UHFS and the Speech & Debate Team is guided by Dr. David Small, Associate Vice President for Student Services. Administration of financial documents is assisted by Dr. Noel Clark, Ms. Rosa Flugence (both of the University Center Business Office), and Ms. Brittney Bryant.

Ms. Brittney Bryant also performs all of the website work and tournament calculations for each of the 18 on-campus events held by the UH Forensic Society.

Please see the organizational chart for the University of Houston Forensic Society:

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- 3. List the objectives that you provided with your 2010-2011 SFAC request. Please comment on your success in achieving these objectives. If an objective changed during the year, please note this and explain. Also, list any new objectives, the rationale for the addition, and comment on your success in achieving these objectives.**

Objectives Provided in Our 2010-2011 Request

After reinstating a competitive speech and debate program for the University of Houston during the 2002-2003 year, the three basic objectives that were maintained/pursued during the FY2011 were as follows:

- To attract a diverse group of students into a forensic organization
- To initiate a series of community service opportunities for Team members
- To host a series of contests and workshops for middle school, high school, & university students

Because of the UHFS' strong momentum at the end of FY2005 - the Forensic Society has had success in achieving these objectives – but our success cannot be guaranteed without an increase in our base funding for an Assistant Director of Forensics (Director of Community Outreach) and the increased demands for student involvement.

Additional objectives were communicated with our FY11 SFAC request. These four objectives are as follows:

- Hosting on-campus events for K-12 students
- Financing and/or providing opportunities for the growing no. of members
- Hosting/staffing summer forensic camps for elementary and middle schools
- Initiation and coaching of teams to represent UH in the American Readers Theatre Assn. National Championships

Success in Achieving Original FY11 Objectives

Achievement of the Three Base Objectives

The UHFS has had great success in achieving the above objectives. Achievement of success in these three areas has been enabled due to the initiation/hiring of a full-time Director of Forensics in September 2008. Highlights of the organization during FY10 include

- Recruitment of **more than 300 undergraduate and graduate students** as judges for on-campus contests hosted for elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges/universities
- Participation in **five community service projects** at the Depelchin Children's Orphanages, the Star of Hope Mission, and Shriners' Hospital
- Hosting ten forensic contests for collegiate and K-12 school students, featuring **more than 4,000 students from 100+ schools**
- Representation of UH in **26 national-level speech/debate contests**
- Provision of forensic judges and academic directors for eighteen U.I.L. District Meet(s) and TFA/HUDL contests throughout Greater Houston
- Receiving fifteen National awards – including eleven National Championships at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament held in March 2011 in Minneapolis, MN. Four other Overall Sweepstakes awards (i.e. First Place Team titles) were won at tournaments held at the U.S. Air Force Academy, University of Utah, West Chester University, and Colorado College.

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Achievement of the Additional FY11 Objectives

Additional Objective - Hosting On-Campus Events for K-12 Students

The UHFS hosted fifteen events for K-12 students during the 2010-2011.

These events include the following:

- Annual TFA State-Qualifying Contest for High Schools
- 1st Fall Speech/Interpretation Contest for Elementary Schools
- 1st Holiday Speech/Interpretation Contest for Elementary Schools
- 1st Black History Speech/Interpretation Contest for Elementary Schools
- 5th Annual UH Speech/Debate/Theatre Contest for Middle Schools
- 5th Cultural Heritage Speech/Interpretation Contest for Elementary Schools
- South Texas N.F.L. National Qualifier for Congress
- 2nd Annual Speech/Theatre Camp for Elementary Schools – Session I
- 2nd Annual Speech/Theatre Camp for Elementary Schools – Session II
- 2nd Annual Speech/Theatre Camp for Elementary Schools – Session III
- 2nd Annual Speech/Theatre Camp for Elementary Schools – Session IV
- 2nd Annual Speech/Theatre Camp for Middle Schools – Session I
- 2nd Annual Speech/Theatre Camp for Middle Schools – Session II
- Open House Seminar for Austin H.S. (Houston ISD)
- Open House Seminar for Yates H.S. (Houston ISD)

Approximately 4,000+ students came to the UH Main Campus for these events – increasing the levels of national recognition of the University.

Additional Objective – Financing and/or Providing Opportunities for the Growing No. of Members

This objective is both exciting and challenging. At the end of 2008-2009, the UHFS membership reached 200+. **At present, the membership has continued to grow to 300+ with no maximum no. in sight. WITHOUT QUESTION, THE UHFS IS NOW ONE OF THE FIVE LARGEST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UH SYSTEM. THUS, THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS CRITICAL.**

The annual schedule of events for the UHFS now totals 70+ per year – so opportunities are plentiful for members who wish to volunteer and/or host events on the UH Main Campus. However, funding is primarily limited to the base SFAC allocation which has not been raised since FY2004.

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Additional Objective - Hosting/staffing summer forensic camps for elementary and middle schools

A great level of interest has been generated among Greater Houston K-8 students for the summer speech/theatre hosted by the UHFS. **During the Summer of 2011, more than 200+ students attended these summer camps – and an aggressive marketing campaign has already begun for camps scheduled in 2012.**

BASED ON REQUESTS ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THROUGHOUT GREATER HOUSTON, 400+ ARE EXPECTED IN 2012 CAMPS. BECAUSE REGISTRATION AND MONITORING OF THESE CAMPS MUST BE DONE VIA WEBSITES, IT IS VITAL THAT AN ONE-TIME SFAC ALLOCATION BE OBTAINED – SO THAT A FULL-TIME WEB MASTER CAN HANDLE THESE EVENTS.

Additional Objective - Initiation and coaching of teams to represent UH in the American Readers' Theatre Association National Championships

During FY11, the UHFS prepared teams to represent UH in national readers' theatre competition. This was the second time that UH attended this national-level contest – and developed strategies for achieving national recognition in FY12 and years to come.

The UHFS now plans to expand its offerings and compete in the American Readers' Theatre Association National Championships – hosted in Los Angeles in May 2011. It is critical that additional one-time funds be obtained FY12 – so UHFS members can participate in this National Championship. These funds will be used to accommodate the travel and accommodations required for entering this contest.

Establishment of New Objectives

New Objective – Development of Open Houses for At-Risk High School Students

The University of Houston Main Campus is surrounded by low-performing high schools of the Houston I.S.D. Specifically, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have donated significant grant monies to raise the level of academic performance at four Houston I.S.D. high schools (aka ‘Apollo 20’ schools) – all four of these schools located within 20 minutes of the UH Main Campus.

Therefore, the UHFS will host groups of at-risk high school students at six Houston I.S.D. high schools – with a day of small-group discussions and financial aid information/completion via computers in the UHFS office.

New Objective – Expansion of Debate Offerings and/or Competition in Collegiate Debate Events

Since re-creation of the UHFS in 2002, members have been very successful in national-level debate events. Thus, with the advent of LD Debate and World Debate events on the collegiate level, the UHFS will devote even more attention to the creation of opportunities for UH students to participate and compete in the four most popular forms of debate events offered for students at colleges/universities.

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4. Please discuss the means that you are utilizing to evaluate both your success in achieving the aforementioned objectives and their importance as compared to other objectives that you might pursue. Where data exist, discuss the number of persons served by each of your programs and the satisfaction level of those served. Please provide the method for collecting these data.

Achievement of FY2012 Objectives and Their Relative Importance

For this ninth full year of our organization, the three original objectives are undoubtedly the most important ones we determined to pursue as our year began.

We are extremely pleased with our success in achieving our initial objectives. Because the current Forensic Society celebrated its ninth anniversary this past July – we are amazed at the extreme diversity of student involvement and the number of individuals served both on-campus as well as throughout Texas. **More than 9,000 individuals benefit each year from our on-campus programs or elsewhere in the Houston community.**

The diversity and level of involvement is explained by the following recap of our FY12 activities and objectives:

Objective – To attract a diverse group of students into a forensic organization.

Without question, the UHFS is one of the most diverse academic organizations on the UH Main Campus. While the organization is aligned with the Honors College, its members are well-represented by students from all academic backgrounds and disciplines. Roughly half of the students who represent UH in national competition are non-Honors students.

There is extreme diversity of the racial/ethnic composition of Team members who represent the University of competition with the following % breakdown:

Anglo American	-	30%
African American	-	30%
Middle Eastern	-	15%
Hispanic American	-	10%
Asian American	-	15%

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Objective – To initiate a series of community service opportunities for Team members.

The UHFS maintains an ongoing relationship with the Greater Houston community. **Members have already performed service projects that have touched the lives of 9,000 individuals throughout our city. Events held FY11 include:**

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| September 10-11, 2010 | - | Austin H.S. (Houston) |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this debate tournament.</i> | | |
| September 24-25, 2010 | - | Clear Creek H.S. |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this speech/debate tournament.</i> | | |
| October 15-16, 2010 | - | Westside H.S. |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this speech./debate tournament.</i> | | |
| November 11-12, 2010 | - | Dulles H.S. |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this speech/debate tournament.</i> | | |
| November 15-16, 2010 | | Davis H.S. |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this debate tournament.</i> | | |
| November 25, 2010 | - | Depelchin Orphanage |
| <i>10+ UHFS members performed improvisations for audiences.</i> | | |
| December 3-4, 2010 | - | Scarborough H.S. |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this speech/debate tournament.</i> | | |
| December 26, 2010 | - | Depelchin Orphanage |
| <i>10+ UHFS members performed improvisations for audiences.</i> | | |
| January 14-15, 2011 | - | Yates H.S. |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this debate tournament.</i> | | |
| January 29-30, 2011 | | Star of Hope Mission |
| <i>Members served lunch to 175+ mothers and children at this shelter</i> | | |
| February 6, 2011 | - | Dulles H.S. |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this debate tournament.</i> | | |
| February 19-20, 2011 | - | Houston Urban Debate League |
| <i>UHFS members served as judges at this City of Houston championship contest.</i> | | |
| March 29, 2011 | - | Shriner's Hospital |
| <i>UHFS members performed improvisations and interpretations for audiences..</i> | | |
| April 2-3, 2011 | - | Fort Bend ISD U.I.L. Spring Meet |
| <i>15+ UHFS members served as judges at this speech/debate tournament of the Houston I.S.D.</i> | | |
| April 8, 2011 | - | South Texas N.F.L. District |
| <i>10+ UHFS members served as judges at this national-qualifying Congress tournament.</i> | | |
| August 22, 2011 | - | Star of Hope Mission |
| <i>Members served lunch to 150+ mothers and children at this shelter.</i> | | |

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Objective – To host a series of contests and workshops for students in K-12 schools, and universities.

With maintenance of the following calendar of events, the UH Main Campus is now the most active collegiate sponsor of speech/debate/theatre contests in Texas:

September 9-11, 2010 – The UH Main Campus and LSU @ Baton Rouge co-sponsored The Eighth Annual UH/LSU National Invitation Tournament, **featuring 140+ contestants who represented 15 universities from throughout the U.S.**

October 1-2, 2010 – The Annual University of Houston Texas Forensic Association (T.F.A.) State-Qualifying Tournament was held on the UH Main Campus. **More than 480 students and faculty from 26 Texas high schools participated.**

October 6, 2010 – The Second Annual UH Fall Speech & Interpretation Contest for Elementary Schools was held on the UH Main Campus. **Roughly 100+ students and faculty from 8 Texas schools participated.**

December 15, 2010 – The Second Annual UH Holiday Speech & Interpretation Contest for Elementary Schools was held on the UH Main Campus. **More than 90 students and faculty from 10 Texas elementary schools participated.**

February 18-20, 2011 – The UH Main Campus hosted The David A. Thomas Cougar Classic Natl. College Tournament. **Roughly 120 students and faculty from 12+ universities participate.**

February 23, 2011 – The Second Annual Black History Speech/Interpretation Contest for Elementary Schools was held on the UH Main Campus – **bringing an estimated 80 students and faculty to the UH Campus.**

May 6-7, 2011 – The UH Middle School Forensic Tournament was held, **bringing 300 + faculty, staff, and students to the UH Main Campus.**

May 9, 2011 – The UHFS hosted an Open House day for at-risk juniors attending Austin H.S. of Houston ISD. **Over 30 faculty, staff, and students came to the UH Main Campus – for a seminar emphasizing college studies and financial aid applications.**

May 11, 2011 – The UHFS hosted The Seventh Annual UH Speech and Elementary School Speech & Interpretation Contest, **bringing 80+ students, faculty, and parents to the UH Main Campus.**

May 18, 2011 – The UHFS hosted an Open House day for at-risk juniors attending Yates H.S. of Houston ISD. **Over 30 faculty, staff, and students came to the UH Main Campus – for a seminar emphasizing college studies and financial aid applications.**

June, July, & August, 2010 – Six week-long speech/theatre camps were held for elementary and middle schools, **bringing 240+ students (grades 3-8) to the UH Main Campus.**

Status of Other FY10 Objectives

PLEASE SEE THE ANALYSIS AND DESCRIPTIONS INCLUDED IN ANSWER 3 FOR THE STATUS/SUCCESSES IN THE OTHER FY11 OBJECTIVES OF THE UH FORENSIC SOCIETY.

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5. Please discuss any budget changes from your last (FY2012) request, their impact on your programs, and your reason for implementing them.

With 300 undergraduate and graduate students already hosting this year's on-campus contests, participating in community service activities, and competing in national contests, the SFAC funds allocated for FY2012 have been vital to the organization's growth and maintenance.

The FY07 base augmentation for student office workers has truly helped growth of the organization. The ability of the UHFS to maintain a student office staff has provided a level of continuity not available during FY05. Likewise, the SFAC One-Time Allocation has enabled an Assistant Director of Forensics (i.e. Director of Community Outreach) to be hired to offer additional direction of on-campus events and coaching/management of UHFS members as they participate in events held throughout the U.S.

In order to provide services and opportunities for the growing spectrum of students who wish to participate, **it is vital that additional base SFAC funds be obtained** for (1) solidifying the Asst. Director of Forensics position and (2) long-term satisfaction of the costs of travel for the current UHFS competitors. For these reasons, **the following base budget is needed for FY2013:**

TOTAL FUNDING

Base Funding – Air / Lodging / Registration / Transportation	\$ 172,354
Base Funding – Pt. Time Staff / Dir. of Forensics	\$ 25,481
Base Funding – Maintenance & Operating	\$ 13,658
Base Funding – Asst. Director of Forensics	\$ 61,440
Base Funding – Part-time Accountant	\$ 9,800
TOTAL BASE	\$ 91,550
One-Time Allocation from SFAC	\$ 44,470
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 286,349

TOTAL EXPENSES

Air / Lodging / Registration / Transportation [State/Regional Contests]	\$ 130,000
Air / Lodging / Registration / Transportation [National Championships]	\$ 18,000
Supplies / Publications for Contests	\$ 24,354
Base Funding – Pt. Time Staff	\$ 21,980
Base Funding – Dir. of Forensics	\$ 3,501
Base Funding – Asst. Dir. of Forensics (Salary/Benefits)	\$ 61,440
Base Funding – Web Master/Contest Judge (Salary/Benefits)	\$ 9,800
OT Allocation – Web Master/Contest Judge (Salary/Benefits)	\$ 44,470
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 286,349

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6. Please list your 2012-13 objectives in priority order. Larger units may wish to group your response by subprogram. Under each objective, state the specific programs, activities, and/or services that you plan to implement to meet your objectives.

IT IS GIVEN THAT THE ORIGINAL THREE UHFS OBJECTIVES (DISCUSSED IN THE RESPONSE TO QUESTION 4) WILL REMAIN CORNERSTONES OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS OUR RANKING AND STRATEGIES FOR FULFILLING (1) PRIMARY OBJECTIVES AND (2) ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES ADDED IN FY13:

Primary Objective - Elevating the levels of national recognition earned in collegiate competition during FY2011

In order to maintain a nationally-competitive schedule which balances competition with academic demands, the UHFS will compete at the following colleges/universities:

- The U.S. Air Force Academy (September 2011)
- Lone Star College @ Kingwood (October 2011)
- Colorado College (October 2011)
- Cal. State U. @ Northridge (November 2011)
- University of Utah (January 2012)
- University of Texas (January 2012)
- West Chester University (January 2012)
- James Madison University (February 2012)
- Wiley College (February 2011)
- Novice National Championships (March 2011)
- Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament (March 2011)
- American Forensic Assn. National Championships (April 2011)
- American Readers' Theatre Association Nationals (May 2011)

Primary Objective – Base Funding for the Director of Community Outreach

The current organization is filled with extremely talented students, but the lack of a two full-time directors prevents successful recruitment efforts of academically-qualified high school students. More importantly, the UH Forensic Society can only attend one contest on a given weekend and must pay huge judging fees due to there not being more than one qualified faculty judge.

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Current students do not have regular access to coaching/direction for their competitive efforts. During the 2011-2012 year, all needs of the UHFS have been satisfied by two full-time directors. The salary for one of these positions is funded by a one-time allocation. It is vitally important that the salary for the position Director of Community Outreach become a part of the UHFS's base funding. At present, there is a single, full-time Director of Forensics position. **Whereas a majority of collegiate forensic programs sponsor 20+ students, the UHFS sponsors 300+ members . . .and is growing.**

Primary Objective – Transitioning Part-Time Website Manager to Full-Time

The current level of eighteen on-campus events requires (1) use of a website for 4k+ student participants and (2) an average of three days of data input during a contest.

At present, all website management and input is performed by a part-time website manager – who performs a majority of website work on a voluntary basis.

This part-time website manager also serves as a contest judge – drastically reducing the judge fees which must be paid for the UHFS' participation in all contests throughout the U.S.

Because of the amount of daily website work and judging which must be performed for the UHFS, it is vital that the current part-timer be transitioned to a full-time position

It is only through such a transition that the UHFS can continue to grow and bring students/faculty to the UH Main Campus.

Primary Objective – Partnering with UCS to Offer Series of Workshops for Students Interviewing for Post-Graduate Positions

The UHFS will partner with UCS to develop and present a new workshop entitled 'Corporate Communications and Etiquette' beginning in the Spring 2012 semester. The content will address written and verbal communications, making business presentations, appropriate uses of e-mail, making introductions, business meals, etc.

These workshops will potentially be offered to all UH students who interview for professional positions via University Career Services.

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7. What are the other possible sources of funding available to your unit and what efforts are being made to access them (e.g. grants, donations, etc.)?

Other possible sources of funding include the following:

- Proceeds from intercollegiate forensic contests
- Proceeds from on-campus contests for secondary schools
- Revenues from summer institutes and workshops
- Donations raised in an annual alumni fund drive
- Pledges by corporations to sponsor national events
- Grants supporting bi-lingual (Spanish) opportunities for children

In its eighth full year since being re-established under the dual guidance of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the UH Honors College, the above sources of funding have raised roughly \$44,000 to date. **This represents an annual increase of 84% + over amounts raised in FY2004.** Specific efforts to utilize these sources have generated the following amounts and/or plans:

- On September 9-11, the UHFS co-hosted The Ninth Annual UH/LSU Swing Natl. Invitation Tournaments on the UH Main Campus. **Roughly 120 students and faculty members from 12 colleges/universities participated.**
- On Friday-Sunday, February 17-19, The Annual David A. Thomas Cougar Classic National Invitation Tournament will be co-hosted with Rice University (Houston). This event is expected to bring over 150 students/faculty to the UH Main Campus, **raising an estimated \$1,000.**
- On Friday-Saturday, April 13 & 14, The Eighth Annual UH Forensic Tournament for Middle Schools will be held. This event is expected to bring over 400 students/faculty to the UH Main Campus, **raising an estimated \$1,000.**

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Other Efforts to Locate/Obtain Funds

In addition to on-campus contests, other plans/efforts to obtain funds include the following:

- The Fifth Annual University of Houston Summer Forensic Institute was held in June, July, and August. With more than 230+ elementary/middle school students attending our fifth summer institute in the Summer of 2011, we **raised approximately \$500.**
- Ongoing efforts are planned to pursue grants and endowments for events on the UH Main Campus. **We have set a FY13 goal of raising \$1,000 in alumni donations.**

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8. Please describe any overlap between your unit and any other unit(s) providing services to students and the rationale for the overlap.

There are no other units or organizations on the University of Houston Main Campus that provide the services and opportunities offered by the UHFS.

Specifically, this organization is unique in its focus on providing opportunities which enable development and application of speech/debate/teaching skills in all of the following areas:

Volunteering

- Performing community services in homeless shelters & orphanages
- Mentoring and coaching inner-city schools
- Providing judges for high school and middle school contests
- Assisting/coaching other UH student organizations for public speeches
- Making recruiting presentations about UHFS to Greater Houston high schools

Hosting

- Hosting nine on-campus contests for Texas K-12 school students
- Offering six low-cost summer programs for elementary/middle school students
- Hosting national championship contests for forensic competitors
- Making recruiting presentations about UHFS to Greater Houston high schools
- Hosting six open house sessions for at-risk high school students – with emphasis on college attendance and financial aid opportunities.

Competing

- Preparing/coaching competitors to represent UH in 20+ regional contests
- Representing the UH in national collegiate competition throughout the U.S.