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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ms. Adrienne N. Hirsch
Commission on the Arts
Suite 201
2024 North Seventh Street
Phoenix, AZ 85006

Re: I83- 030 (R83-026)

Dear Ms. Hirsch:

You have asked us to consider whether student activity monies may be used to pay for an arts program which is partially federally funded. We conclude that a student organization may decide to spend its money for that purpose.^{1/}

The statutes do not limit the purposes for which the student activity funds may be spent. As we said in Ariz.Atty.Gen.Op. 58-13:

It would appear that the student organizations are otherwise free to function and conduct activities on behalf of the students and their organizations. Any expenditures within this framework, therefore, would seem to be within the purposes contemplated by the statutes on this subject.

Any disbursement of student activity funds must, of course, be "authorized by, or on behalf of the student members of the

1. Student activity monies could not be used to fund a federal program if the particular federal statutes or regulations prohibited the use of such funds.

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particular club or organization." A.R.S. § 15-1122.A; see
Ariz. Atty. Gen. Op. 179-188²/.

Sincerely,



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2. We disapprove that portion of Ariz. Atty. Gen. Op. 65-29-L insofar as it may be read to prohibit under state law the use of student activity funds to implement federal programs.