



**Big XII Council on Black Student Government
2018-2019 Big XII FAT Book Requirement
February 21-24, 2019
University of Missouri**

What is the Big XII Freshman Action Team Book?

Like the Big XII Book, the FAT Book serves Council by providing tangible documentation of how your BSU/BSA/BSO's, etc. F.A.T. has prospered throughout the year. These books grant Council an inside look into your institution's FAT while also serving as a piece of history that will be carried on and remembered in the years to follow.

By completing and submitting a Big XII F.A.T. Book, your BSU/BSA/BSO, etc. is granted eligibility to be considered for the "*Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of The Year Award.*"

The 2018-2019 Philanthropy:

Inclusivity in the Black community: Pick a community within the Black community that is largely under/misrepresented and create an event(s) that discuss and debunk myths within that community. Dedicate a section in your school's F.A.T. yearbook to describing what your school chose and how your event corresponds to that topic. It is highly encouraged to you discuss your topic with your school's current F.A.T. Chair.

Your book must include the following:

- ✓ List all Freshman Action Team Members and/or Executive Board.
- ✓ Describe in detail what efforts were made to promote and contribute to academic success as a F.A.T., as well as how this action benefitted the freshmen (i.e. Study Sessions).
- ✓ Include the Mission Statement for your F.A.T. (not your B.S.A). Make sure to include how your F.A.T. is implementing the goals in your mission statement.
- ✓ Provide content relevant to the 2018-2019 philanthropy. Using descriptions and pictures, display how your F.A.T. instilled this year's philanthropy.
- ✓ Describe in detail your respective F.A.T.'s community service project or projects (not including the required philanthropy).
- ✓ Describe in detail ALL respective programs and/or events, which will be held throughout the 2018-2019 academic school year. (This can include events/ programs that will take place after the book's due date.)

- ✓ Describe in detail all involvement in campus council (e.g. BSU, BSA, etc.) and provide a letter from a respected council executive board member or your organization's advisor. This letter should be typed and inserted at the beginning of the book with the name of the person who wrote it and their title.
 - ✓ Provide a general statement in your F.A.T book of why your F.A.T. should be recognized as "Outstanding" in a minimal typed one page essay, detailing how F.A.T. built leadership skills through events including but not limited to: programs, community service, mentorship, etc. This should be inserted on the last page of your book.
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Recommended order for the F.A.T. book:

- i. Introduce Exec/General body
 - ii. Mission Statement
 - iii. Letter from Exec member
 - iv. Philanthropy
 - v. Community Service
 - vi. Other events
 - vii. Statement of why they should win best FAT
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Submission Details:

- ✓ One PDF copy of the book must be submitted to the Big XII Book Submission Drop Box **prior** to the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government meeting and no later than **Wednesday, January 30th**.
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/jy2wPQ88XsGdZUOUZhyP>
- ✓ **Each school submitting a F.A.T. book must have 1 printed and bounded book** for the Public Relations Committee. This 1 book should be turned in to the Public Relations Committee when requested during the Conference. You will be judged by the creativity/originality of the theme throughout the book. **If a school chooses to not print the required number of books (1), the school forfeits their right for consideration in the selection of the Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of The Year Award.**
- ✓ **No Public Relations Committee member should participate in the creation and production of the F.A.T. book, otherwise you forfeit your right to judge the book and vote for the Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of The Year Award.**

The Advisor collects all sheets after each book is scored by the Public Relations Committee. The envelope must be signed and initialed by each Public Relations Committee member involved in the judging process on the front and then signed and sealed by the council advisor. The council advisor brings the sealed envelopes to the

conference council meeting. There, the executive board reviews the score sheets with books of those councils that apply for the Most Outstanding or Most Improved Council of the Year. **The decision is announced at the Closing Award Banquet of Conference.**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above guidelines, please reach out to Secretary and Public Relations Chair Denajha M. Phillips;
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