

Bill Number: F-06- 09-11 Referred to Executive Committee

Final Vote: _____ Committee Recommendation: _____

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**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE
STUDENT SENATE POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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WHEREAS the 92nd Student Senate passed resolution S-06-03-20, a resolution that was designed to simplify the process whereby the Student Senate allocates funding, and

AWARE that certain amendments were made to the original draft of that resolution that are ambiguous, and

NOTING that these ambiguities have made this new process confusing and inefficient, and

STRESSING that the Student Senate needs to have a clear process, articulating the procedures for the allocation of money to student organizations, and also articulating the role of those organizations in the finance procedure,

BE IT THEREFORE
RESOLVED

Article VI, Section 2, Subsection e of the Student Senate Policies and Procedures be amended as follows:

- e. If a complaint is filed: **refer to Article VI, Section 7.**
 - ~~1. The committee will hear the complaint and make a further recommendation to the Senate at its next regularly scheduled meeting.~~
 - ~~2. The Senate, after any debate, will approve, amend or reject the recommendation of the committee by majority vote.~~
 - ~~3. Any complaint that is filed must present at least two arguments appealing the committee's original recommendation., and~~

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED

Article VI, Section 4, Subsection 5 of the Student Senate Policies and Procedures be amended to read as follows:

- 5. If a complaint is filed: **refer to Article VI, Section 7.**
 - ~~1. The committee will hear the complaint and make a further recommendation to the Senate at its next regularly scheduled meeting.~~

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~~2. Any complaint that is filed must present at least two arguments appealing the committee's original recommendation.~~
~~3. The Senators submitting the complaint will have the first debate. After twenty minutes, debate will end (unless a two-thirds vote of the Senate occurs to extend debate by a given time) and the Senate will vote to accept or reject the complaint., and~~

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED

Article VI, Sections 7 and 8 are stricken, and

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RESOLVED

that Article VI, Section 7 of the Student Senate Policies and Procedures be created to read as follows:

- 7. Complaints against the Finance Committee's recommendations concerning allocations from either the Chartered Organizations Fund or the Senate Fund will be adjudicated according to the following procedure:**
- a. Complaints may be filed only by Student Senators, Student Body Officers, or Student Senate Officers (excluding the Speaker).**
 - b. All complaints must articulate two reasons for why the Committee should revise the original recommendation. The complaint must also state whether it favors increasing or decreasing the committee's recommendation.**
 - c. Upon being filed, the Finance Committee Chair will notify the requesting organization and the filing Senator, Student Body Officer, or Student Senate Officer (excluding the Speaker) to appear in front of the Finance Committee at the first Finance Committee meeting immediately after the complaint was filed. This meeting will serve as an opportunity for the filing Senate member to voice his or her concerns, and for the requesting organization to defend the necessity for the money. The complaining member of the Student Senate will be heard first and the requesting organization will be heard second. At no time will both parties be in the room together.**
 - d. The Committee, upon hearing the parties involved, shall vote to either amend or uphold their original recommendation. If the committee decides to amend its recommendation, it must follow these rules:**
 - i. If the complaint wishes to decrease the value of the Committee's recommendation, the**

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Committee's second recommendation may not be a value more than their initial recommendation.

- ii. If the complaint wishes to increase the value of the Committee's recommendation, the Committee's second recommendation may not be a value less than their initial recommendation.
 - iii. If two complaints are filed, one with the intent to increase the value from the initial recommendation, and one with the intent to decrease that value, the committee may select any value for its second recommendation.
- e. During his or her report to the full Senate, the Chair will present the complaint in addition to presenting both the original, and if applicable, amended recommendation.
 - f. Debate will ensue on the Finance Committee's recommendation. The author of the complaint will have the first debate. In the event that a motion is made to amend the Committee's recommendation, that motion will pass only with a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate.
 - g. Debate on the recommendation may last no longer than 20 minutes, but may be extended by a simple majority of the Senate. After this time has elapsed, the Senate will move directly into a vote on any and all amendments that are still before it, and then on the question itself.
 - h. The Senate may, by 3/4 vote, bypass the one-week complaint process and consider the request the day it is presented.
 - i. In the event that the one-week complaint process is suspended, any voting member of the Student Senate may make a motion to hear debate on the request. This motion requires a second. , and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED

that Article III, Section 1 be amended to read as follows:

- o. **Complete Debate on Finance Committee Complaints: 20 minutes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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