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A BILL
TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS

PARAGRAPHS 1: Whereas, many of these changes are funding restrictions currently in place by the university; and

PARAGRAPHS 2: Whereas, most students requesting funding are unaware that Student Government must abide by university funding restrictions; and

PARAGRAPHS 3: Whereas, a lot of these changes are either technical or to clarify wording that is already there; and

PARAGRAPHS 4: Whereas, the following changes would be stricken (lined through) from the Student Government Bylaws and the following information will be added (in red) to the bylaws themselves:

ARTICLE X: FUNDING THROUGH STUDENT SENATE

SECTION 2. REQUEST FOR FUNDING
A. Requests for funding through the Student Senate shall be submitted through the Student Senate funding application.

1. The Student Senate funding application shall be approved through a Student Government Bill through the Temporary Budget and Appropriations Committee in the Spring Organizational Session.

A. Amendments to the application must be approved by the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Speaker of the Student Senate, and the Student Government Financial Coordinator.

3. The first application for funding submitted is the one that will be considered.
D. Each student, student organization, event, or university department that is granted funds by the Student Government must give all receipts, paperwork, and any other documentation for the event to the Student Government Financial Coordinator for reimbursement within thirty (30) days of the close of the event and before the end of the fiscal year (June 30th).

F. Any failure to comply with paragraph D will result in the expiration of funding.

Section 3. Restrictions on Student Senate

D. The Student Senate will not fund the following:
   1. Alcohol or an event where alcohol will be present;
   2. Clothing and uniforms;
   3. Charitable donations;
   4. Decorations for events;
   5. Salaries, stipends, or scholarships;
   6. Gift cards or cash awards.
   7. Retroactive spending
      a. Already expensed line items made by the organization

E. The following are restricted funding by the Student Senate:
   1. Food and drink may be funded up to thirteen dollars and zero cents ($13.00) per student based on anticipated attendance.
      a. The only exception to this is when funding travel and the cost of food is included in the cost of registration for an event.
   2. Events funded by the Student Senate cannot charge paid admission to LSU students and must be advertised as such.
   3. A minimum of sixty (60) percent of anticipated attendance must be LSU students.
      a. Must provide documentation of attendance to the Student Government Financial Coordinator within two (2) weeks of the close of the event.
B. Documentation can be recorded by, but is not limited to, the use of Tiger Card readers and/or pre-registration.

**ARTICLE XI: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

**SECTION 1. STUDENT GOVERNMENT SURPLUS**

**A.** This account may only be used for one-time expenditures of Student Government of the Student Senate with a cap of five (5) years. All remaining funds in Student Government Operating Accounts, with the exception of the College Council Surplus Accounts, at the end of each fiscal year are transferred to the Student Government Surplus Account.

**B.** Exceptions to one-time expenditures include: Student Senators or the Student Body President may request surplus funds via a Finance Bill (SGFB) or an Executive Order (EO).

   a. Student Government Internal Operational Expenditures.
   b. SEC Exchange Expenditures.

**C.** If an organization or department receives funding for an event or conference then the specific event or conference is unavailable to be funded by the Student Senate for five (5) years, not the organization or department as a whole. This account shall be viewed as a Rainy Day Fund that may only be used for non-recurring expenses.

   a. The author of the Finance Bill or Executive Order should show proof of reasonable effort at the discretion of the Budget and Appropriations Committee that other funding sources were pursued for the expenditure previously.
   b. No money shall be appropriated from this account for student travel.
   c. No money shall be appropriated from this account for student organization or department.


PROGRAMMING AND/OR EVENTS, OUTSIDE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

D. Funds may be requested by members of Student Government via a SGFB, introduced in and approved by the Senate, then approved by the Student Body President, Dean of Students, and Vice Chancellor of Student Life through a memorandum disseminated by the Student Body President.

E. All remaining funds in Student Government Operating Accounts, with the exception of the College Councils Surplus Account, at the end of each fiscal year are transferred to the Student Government Surplus Account.

SECTION 3. STUDENT GOVERNMENT OPERATING ACCOUNTS

D. LEGISLATIVE GENERAL CONTINGENCY

A. This account is under the control of the Student Senate and signature of the President.

B. Any remaining funds in the account will be transferred to the Surplus Account.

C. The Student Senate shall not spend more than sixty percent (60%) of the originally budgeted contingency account during the Fall semester as allocated in the Student Government Budget.

PARAGRAPH 5: Therefore, be it enacted by the Louisiana State University Student Senate that these changes be made to the Student Government bylaws; and

PARAGRAPH 6: Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Michelle Lowery, Student Government Executive Advisor; Arlette Henderson, Student Government Legislative Branch Advisor; and Adam Prevot, Chief Justice.

PARAGRAPH 7: This Bill shall take effect upon passage by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the LSU Student Senate and signature by the President, upon lapse of time for presidential action, or if vetoed by the President and subsequently approved by the Senate, on the date of such approval.