**Bill Content: 73LCB07 — Student Group Funding Board Code Revision 2**

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**A Revision of the Student Group Funding Board Code**

**Bill History**

The Student Group Funding Board has been a resource for student groups to obtain funding for operational costs for several fiscal years. Each year, the Board has used certain decision-making precedents and practices that have endured through the funding cycles. However, these precedents have typically not been documented in the code. I have updated the code to include these precedents, as well as a reason for their use.

During the last changes made to the code, it was determined that holding two funding cycles, in both the fall and spring semesters, would increase Student group accountability in terms of spending the funds for their allocated purposes. However, after revisiting the idea and working up a funding schedule, it was determined to be unfeasible because of the time and materials it would take for both the Board to meet and for SOFO to transfer the funds into individual student group accounts.

Additionally, in the previous code revisions it was stated that groups can no longer request payroll as a portion of their operating budget. Prior to making this change there had been debate amongst the board about determining whether funding payroll for students was the best use of Student Fees. There were also issues with determining appropriate pay rates, hours, and limitations for the use of payroll. Since every group using payroll performed a different function, it was extremely difficult to establish a standardized set of restrictions for the use of the funds. Without limitations, Group groups would abuse the allocation for payroll. Hence, it became easier and fairer to eliminate the ability for groups to receive payroll as a portion of their operating costs. The need to include the portion of the changes regarding payroll arises from the phrasing of the limitation in the last version of the Code. It was not all-encompassing and only applied to affiliated student groups.

**Bill Summary**

In these revisions to the SGFB Code, the fall funding cycle was removed because of issues with the schedule and ability of both the SGFB and SOFO to hold hearings, award allocations, hear appeals, and distribute the funds to individual student group accounts. Since these timing issues emerged, it has been determined that in lieu of a fall allocation cycle, new applicant groups, as well as groups that did not apply during the previous spring allocation cycle will be eligible to receive a one-time allocation of up to $500 as determined by the Board. The option for this one-time allocation is necessary to provide opportunities for student groups to receive operating budgets until the next spring allocation cycle.

By removing the option for payroll from the budget request, it will be easier to ensure that no groups violate the previous payroll agreements. It will also act as a mechanism to keep Student Fees low. This version of the Code presents an all-encompassing restriction on payroll and makes it impossible for any student groups to receive operational costs for that portion of their budget.

**CHAPTER 4 - SGFB ALLOCATION TIMELINE**

**§ 401: One-Time Allocations for Student Groups**

1. A student group may request a one-time allocation of up to $500 for the period spanning their application and July 1st of the following fiscal year.
2. Groups that applied for funding in the last allocation session of the SGFB are ineligible to apply for the one-time allocation.
3. The one-time allocation is not to be used to supplement a budget of a student group in any way. If a group has received monies from any other on-campus funding sources, including but not limited to Cultural Events Board, Arts and Sciences Student Government, Council of Colleges and Schools, or Representative Council this should be taken into account before giving the group the one-time SGFB allocation.

**§ 602: Line Item Allocations**

1. The SGFB shall allocate funds to the following line items:
2. Payroll; payroll to student employees shall not be funded by the SGFB. No student groups may receive SGFB monies to fund student payroll expenses. Groups cannot submit funding requests to the SGFB in which they request funds for payroll.

**Vote Count**

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