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**A Bill to Implement an Internal Budget Documentation Process
and to Specify Additional Duties of the Legislative Council
Treasurer**

Bill History

In the past, the Chair of the Representative Council and the Council of Colleges and Schools have operated without a full knowledge of the balances of the two respective accounts of those bodies. This creates inefficiencies within CUSG because the Chairs and boards operate without knowing whether or not their accounts are running out of money or if there is room in the budget. In addition, in the past, there has been a lack of continuity between boards, with new members not knowing the precedents set by previous boards. Further, at this moment, the Representatives and Senators have no way of knowing whether or not groups have filled out the appropriate reports following the completion of their funding requests. The failure to complete these reports should put future funding for groups in jeopardy. Finally, the lack of knowledge of these budgets makes it more difficult for the Chairs and boards to be fiscally responsible.

Bill Summary

This bill aims to make the current and previous sessions' financial history more accessible for members of both Representative Council and the Council of Colleges and Schools. This bill defines the duties of the Legislative Council Treasurer spelled out in Article 3, Section A, Subsection e, part ii of the Legislative Council Bylaws. The goal of this bill is to create a system that takes advantage of the technology available to CUSG.

This bill tasks the Treasurer of the Legislative Council to create a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet for each Council. The spreadsheet will be merged with data obtained from previous sessions of the Councils. The Treasurer of Legislative Council will be charged with creating and maintaining this document on a weekly basis. The spreadsheet will include the following information: funding requests submitted to Representative Council and the Council of Colleges and Schools,

the student groups responsible for each request, amendments to each request, the amounts approved on first and second reading, the vote counts, the date of the first and second readings, and whether or not the group filled out the necessary report following the funded event.

The spreadsheet will live in a secure location. This location is to be determined by the Treasurer with the help of the CUSG IT staff.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1: Article 3, Section A, Subsection e, part ii of the Legislative Council Bylaws shall be amended to read:

“The Treasurer shall report the status of Legislative Accounts at each Legislative Council meeting, and shall maintain a separate, detailed, up to date report of these accounts.”

Section 2: Article 3, Section A, Subsection e, part iv of the Legislative Council Bylaws shall be added to read: “The treasurer’s report shall include:

Part A: The dates that each bill was approved on first and second reading.

Part B: The full name and acronym (if applicable) of the student group submitting the funding request.

Part C: The amount requested by the student group.

Part D: The amounts approved by first and second reading by the Councils.

Part E: Whether or not the student group filled out the necessary report summarizing the findings and results of their funded request.

Part F: Running totals of the funds available to the Councils.

Part G: The student group’s up-to-date bylaws are on file

Section 3: The Chair of the Council of Colleges and Schools and the Chair of the Representative Council will be responsible with providing this information to the Legislative Council Treasurer within 24 hours of the councils’ respective meetings.

Section 4: The Treasurer will have the ability to edit both documents and will do so on a weekly basis during the legislative sessions. Each member of Legislative Council will have the ability to view, but not edit, both the reports. The report will be available to the public via the CUSG website.

Section 5: A Legislative Council Treasurer who fails to fulfill these duties shall be subject to removal at the discretion of the Legislative Council under Article VIII of the Legislative Council Bylaws. The Legislative Council will take into account the promptness of the Council of Colleges and Schools Chair and Representative Council Chair in providing the necessary information to the Treasurer.

Section 6: Upon passage of this bill, the Treasurer's report will be created and updated with the data from the 73rd Legislative Session. Within a reasonable period of time, data from previous Legislative Sessions will be added to the report.

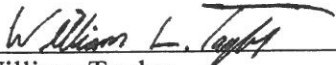
Section 7: This bill takes effect upon final passage by Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of the CUSG Legislative Council President and Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Executives.

Vote Count


10/14/2010
10/21/2010

Amended and passed on 1st reading
Amended and passed on 2nd reading

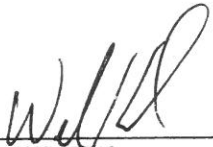
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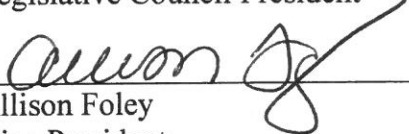
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