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A Bill to Suspend the Student Fee Regulations to **Allow Event Funding for Multicultural Greeks**

Bill History

Currently, 2.3.1.A of the Student Fee Regulations state:

The fees may not be used in support of any groups which systematically exclude from participation any student on the basis of religion, race, ethnicity, nationality, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, 5age, gender, political affiliation and/or physical disability

Previously, before 77LCB10 passed in June 2012, 2.3.1.B of the Student Fee Regulations stated:

Honor societies that fraternities and sororities or any groups which do not have membership open to all students may be funded only for events they sponsor which are on campus, free, and open to the public. Any of the above groups that receive student fee monies and violate this regulation shall have funding privileges revoked for a period of one year from the date of passage of the funding bill.

As a result of 77LCB10, however, 2.3.1.B of the Student Fee Regulations now states:

Honor societies that limit membership on the basis of G.P.A., academic achievement and/or class standing may be funded only for events they sponsor which are free and open to the public. It is preferred that the event take place on campus. However, due to the circumstance of space and scheduling limitations, the group may host an event off-campus. If a group with required membership dues waives the membership dues for any student who is not able to afford them, then it in fact will be deemed eligible to apply for student fees toward its operating costs. However, if membership dues cannot be waived, then the group is deemed ineligible because it is not open to all students. Any of the above groups that receive student fee monies and violate this regulation shall have their funding privileges evaluated based on the tier system outlined in Section 5.2, with the appropriate consequences administered.

There has been debate as to whether it was the intention of 77LCB10 to remove fraternities, sororities, and other exclusionary groups from receiving event funding.

Regardless, it has been brought to the attention of the Legislative Council leadership that with this new regulation in place, the Cultural Events Board may not fund any Multicultural Greek event, as it falls under the restrictions outlined in 2.3.1.A.

In the past, the Cultural Events Board has been free to fund Multicultural Greek organizations for event funding, and as a result, said organizations have become dependent on that funding. Many Multicultural Greek Organizations initiated the process for Cultural Events Board funding long before this discrepancy in the Student Fee Regulations was realized.

The Cultural Events Board's hearing for the 2012-2013 fiscal year involved many Multicultural Greek Organizations and occurred on November 26, 2012. The final funding cycle for the 2012-2013 fiscal year will occur on December 3, 2012.

If there is no correction made—temporary or long term—the Cultural Events Board will not be allowed to fund those Multicultural Greek Organizations, and they will go without that funding for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The Legislative Council may choose to temporarily suspend a section of the Student Fee Regulations, as outlined in Section 11.1.

Bill Summary

This bill will temporarily suspend Section 2.3.1.A of the Student Fee Regulations to allow the Cultural Events Board to fund Multicultural Greek Organizations for event funding for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, with the intent that a more permanent solution is to be found in the future. This measure requires a 2/3 vote from Legislative Council, as designated in Section 11.1 of the Student Fee Regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT:

Section 1: This bill hereby suspends Section 2.3.1.A in the immediate case, and only in the immediate case, of the Cultural Events Board's 2012-2013 funding to Multicultural Greek Organizations' events.

Section 2: Upon the enactment of this bill, the Cultural Events Board may fund Multicultural Greek Organizations for event funding, and only for event funding, for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Section 3: Every event hosted by a Multicultural Greek Organization during 2012-2013 must be on campus, free, and open to the public.

Section 4: This bill does not amend any amendments of the Student Fee Regulations.

Section 5: This bill shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without actions by the Tri-Executives.

Vote Count

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