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A Resolution Establishing a Student Leadership Award Model for the Funding Councils of the ASI Executive Senate

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors, who set policy for the organization, approve all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocate on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2015 the ASI Board of Directors established the Student Leadership Award Advisory Committee (SLAAC) in an effort to create a philosophy and model for which the organization provides financial awards to its student leaders; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2016 the ASI Board of Directors renamed the Student Leadership Award Advisory Committee (SLAAC) to the Student Leadership and Operations Advisory Committee (SLOAC) in response to the committee's need to review the entire organizational structure of the organization in addition to the aforementioned responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Executive Senate is composed of the leadership of all student-run councils and programs funded by ASI, who through the financial support of ASI are able to provide opportunities for students to network, host events, and travel to conferences¹; and

WHEREAS, ASI provides financial awards to student leaders who serve within the funding councils of the ASI Executive Senate, which is a classification of student organizations comprised of the eight academic inter club councils (ICCs), two special interest council groups (Sports and Community Service), and two cultural council groups (Black Student Union and Mesa Cooperativa); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Student Life & Leadership requires student organizations to have a President/Chair and Financial Officer in order for them to be formally recognized on-campus². This requirement supplements the requirements outlined in the CSU Chancellor's Executive Order on Student Activities³; and

¹ <http://www.asi.fullerton.edu/government/executiveSenate.asp>

² Interview with Student Life & Leadership, retrieved April 11, 2016

³ <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1068.html>

WHEREAS, the current financial award model for the funding councils provides the Chair/President, Financial Officer, and Administrative Officer with individual awards of \$1900, \$1800, and \$1200, respectively; and

WHEREAS, additional positions exist within the funding councils; however, ASI does not currently provide funds for these positions; and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need to financially support additional critical leadership positions due to the fact that students are not motivated to get involved without a financial award incentive; and

WHEREAS, funding councils are not allowed to collect dues from their members, which limits each funding council's opportunity to generate external funding that could financially support the additional positions that play a crucial role to the operations of each council; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that with the adoption of this resolution, the ASI Board of Directors shall establish a new financial award model for the funding councils in which it will provide fixed financial awards for the two leadership positions required by the Office of Student Life & Leadership. These amounts will be \$2,000 and \$1,800 for the Chair/President and Financial Officer, respectively; and let it be

RESOLVED, that at a subsequent ASI Board of Directors meeting, the ASI Board of Directors shall allocate an additional budget to funding councils, not exceeding \$2,000 per council, that will be provided for their additional executive board positions; and let it be

RESOLVED, that the individual awards for the additional executive board positions shall not be less than \$250 or exceed \$1000, which will give the funding councils the opportunity to provide financial awards for 2-8 additional positions. Note: Since additional executive board positions are not required by the Office of Student Life & Leadership, funding councils are not obligated to create or financially support additional executive board positions; and let it be

RESOLVED, that a funding council's financial awards budget may not be used for any other purpose. By allocating additional funds to each funding council's financial awards budget, ASI is demonstrating its commitment to the growth and retention of the funding council leaders; and let it be

RESOLVED, that in this new funding model, representatives of student organizations who serve as voting members of the funding councils shall not receive an ASI leadership awards. In order to further prevent any conflict of interest, the executive board members of funding councils shall not be voting members on their funding council; and let it be

RESOLVED, that the changes will be implemented for the 2016-2017 fiscal year; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following campus departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Student Life and Leadership, Student Leaders of the ASI Executive Senate, ASI Leader & Program Development, and ASI Financial Services.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the twenty first day of April two thousand and sixteen.



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