

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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REVISED

A.B. 19 To Modify Internal Rules of Procedure Concerning Appropriations Procedures

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To modify Internal Rules of Procedure for the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin:

SECTION I: Amend the Internal Rules of Procedure for the Student Government Article IV, by striking Section 8 and inserting the following:

(Delete) Section 8: Appropriations Requests

- A. All bills allocating money shall go to the Appropriations Committee and be accompanied by a current fiscal statement from the Financial Director before the bill is heard on the floor.
- B. The Vice President may send Student Government projects that request money to other committees besides Appropriations.
- C. All bills must be heard by committees at least by noon of the Friday before they are presented on the floor.
- D. Any committee making recommendations on any bill must prepare a bill analysis for the Assembly. Any bill not having a bill analysis will be referred back to the appropriate committee.
- E. A bill shall require a favorable vote by a majority of the Representatives present to proceed to the floor. A tie shall be considered a favorable vote.
- F. The Assembly may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Representatives present, vote to debate a bill that received a negative majority vote by the committee.
- G. All financial allocation bills may be amended by the Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the representatives present. All other legislation may be amended by majority vote of the Assembly representatives present.
- H. Acceptance by groups of Student Government appropriations in excess of 15% of the total cost of the organization's program or project shall obligate these groups to recognize the Student Government as a "sponsor", "cosponsor," or the equivalent. The Financial Director shall bear the burden of providing timely notice to organizations of this requirement and the Financial Director shall ensure the compliance by recipients with this requirement.
- I. Only Assembly Representatives may vote on Assembly legislation except for Internal Affairs' members.

(Replace with)

Section 8: Appropriation Requests

- A. All bills allocating money shall go to the Appropriations Committee by a pre-approved deadline determined by the Financial Director.
- B. All appropriation requests to Student Government must be supported by a voting member of the Assembly.

- C. The Appropriations Committee shall review all applications within a designated period and make their recommendation to the Assembly. All groups must be informed about the resulting recommendation of the Appropriations Committee.
- D. The Appropriations Committee and Student Government will be prohibited from recommending or supporting appropriations that violate any university policy regarding appropriations or distribution of funds to student groups
- E. The Appropriations Committee recommendations should be accompanied by a bill analysis. Any bill not having a bill analysis will be referred back to the Appropriations Committee.
- F. The application for appropriations shall request that groups indicate when they initiate purchase orders for their projects. These needs include speakers, vendors, advertisements, and etc. The projects will be heard in the first four meetings after the Appropriations Committee has made its recommendations and the appeals have occurred.
- G. After the Appropriations Committee has released their recommendations; the next Assembly meeting will be dedicated to Appropriations allowing groups to appeal these recommendations. All affected groups must be duly notified of the time of the Appropriations meetings and the status of their request.
- H. Appropriations requests that receive a favorable recommendation by the Appropriations Committee shall proceed to the floor.
- I. Appropriations that receive a negative recommendation from the committee can be brought to the floor by a 2/3 vote of the Representatives present.
- J. All financial allocation bills may be amended by the Assembly by a 2/3 vote of the Representatives present. All other legislation may be amended by majority vote of the Assembly Representatives present.
- K. Acceptance by a group of Student Government appropriations in excess of 15% of the total cost of the organization's program or project shall obligate these groups to recognize the Student Government as a "sponsor", "cosponsor" or the equivalent. The Financial Director shall bear the burden of providing timely notice to organization of this requirement and the Financial Director shall ensure the compliance by recipients of this requirement.

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