

Senate of College Councils Policy Briefing

S.R. 1101 – Calling for the Creation of an Academic Project Endowment

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BACKGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Budget Cuts are affecting students, faculty, campus programs, colleges, and student Organizations.➤ The Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship is supported by \$2 Optional course fees➤ Endowments provide a constant source of revenue
PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ To fulfill the Senate of College Councils mission of providing support and representation to the Academic affairs of students at the University of Texas➤ To provide a source of constantly increasing funding➤ To enhance the quality of Academic Student Organizations' and Projects on campus
SUMMARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Student Organization Endowment will provide resources to Senate, College Councils and academic student organizations such as Model UN, Mock Trial, Moot Court, Robotics, etc.➤ Contributions to the endowment will be completely optional and will not be factored into tuition calculations➤ Endowment will provide perpetual funding, regardless of budget cuts.
WHEREAS SUMMARY	
1-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students who participate in academic and career related student organizations have a competitive edge in the job market and college admissions and realize additional opportunities
20-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ University of Texas' reputation benefits from Student Organizations
25-42	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Commission of 125 urges for extending educational opportunities, increased publicity, additional leadership opportunities and student participation, and collaboration amongst programs.
43-49	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A study at Ohio State University found that participation in student organizations increased positive alumni relations with Universities.
50-54	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A study at California State University: Sacramento found students in Organizations have higher GPA's, retention and graduation rates, Greek Life organizations did not have similar effects.

55-61	➤ The University of Texas funds Student Organizations on a College by College Basis, alternatively, students fund the Student-Endowed Centennial Lectureship through \$2 Optional Course fees.
62-65	➤ The current budget crisis has brought to mind the dependence of many student organizations on University funding

RESOLVED SUMMARY

66-69	➤ The Student Organization Endowment (SOE) and Student Organization Endowment Appropriation Committee (SOEAC) shall be established and funded through \$2 optional course fees
70-75	➤ Urges the Student Services Budget Committee (SSBC) to create a \$2 optional course fee and appropriate the generated funds to the SOE
76-83	➤ Senate shall establish the Student Organization Endowment Appropriation Committee, application forms, deadlines and funding requirements for the Student Organization Endowment
84-87	➤ Student Organizations must be recognized, registered and be in good standing with the University of Texas as determined by SALD

SENT TO

V. Shelby Stanfield Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Registrar, Soncia Reagins-Lilly at the Office of the Dean of Students and Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs , the Student Services Budget Committee, Student Activities and Leadership Development, Steven Leslie at the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, Mary Knight Associate Vice President and Budget Director, Natalie Stanco Student Relations for Texas Exes, Martha King Office of Development and Editor of The Daily Texan

NEXT STEPS IF PASSED

- Approval through SSBC, to be reviewed by President Powers, to be enacted during a Tuition Setting Year
- Send to the Dean of Students office to be approved, to SALD to be reviewed and to be enacted in the upcoming semester

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