WHEREAS, the Athletics Department requested $5,110 for an indoor track and field cage and a new balance beam; and

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department’s request meets the four criteria to qualify for a special allocation; and

WHEREAS, the reason for the two items are safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, the balance beam recently fell apart on January 7, 2009 before a meet; and

WHEREAS, springs and screws popped out of this piece of equipment every time a gymnast practiced; and

WHEREAS, the beam itself became warped resulting in the apparatus wobbling and the coach having to repair after every couple of jumps; and

WHEREAS, the beam was a few years past its life expectancy; and
WHEREAS, a new beam was not written into the projected budget because of fiscal conservancy, and trying to extend the lifespan of the equipment; and
WHEREAS, the new beam costs $2,993; and
WHEREAS, the upper administration was previously willing to pay 100% of the new indoor track and field cage; and
WHEREAS, because of a timing delay to investigate the compatibility of the ceiling storage capability of the Ade Olson Addition, the project got delayed; and
WHEREAS, in the change of the economy, the Athletics Department is now asked to provide 1/3 of the cost; and
WHEREAS, because of this unknown funding request, the Athletics Department was not able to include it in the previous budget cycle; and
WHEREAS, the weight throw is dangerous given the nature of the spin technique; and
WHEREAS, the cage is necessary to protect participants and spectators from weight throw implements which can be launched outside of the intended competition area; and
WHEREAS, a Blugold athlete has already been struck by a weight; and
WHEREAS, the University has a commitment of safety for its student athletes; and
WHEREAS, after receiving three bids ($6,350 - $7,837 - $9,760) the Athletics Department decided to go with the cheapest bid because there was no difference in quality; and
WHEREAS, because the current administration is providing 2/3 of the cost, the Athletics Department is requesting $2,117; and
WHEREAS, the amount of the two projects combined is $5,110; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Commission voted 10-0-2 in support of allocating $5,110 to the Athletics Department;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate allocates $5,110 to the Athletics Department; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Lauer transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor, Administration, Facilities & Finance; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dave Gessner, Director, Business Services; Scott Kilgallon, Director, Athletics Department; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office.