WHEREAS, the Student Organization Commission oversees and allocates the Student Organization Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Student Organization Commission has seen the need for student organization funding increase; and

WHEREAS, the amount for the Student Organization Fund has not significantly increased since 2015 with an increase from $32,000 to $40,405; and

WHEREAS, the Student Organization Commission enforced a $2,000 cap per student organization for the 2018-2019 funding process; and

WHEREAS, with the cap in place the total requested for the 2018-2019 funding process was $56,250 which exceeds the total fund amount of $40,000 by $16,250; and

WHEREAS, majority of organization that received funding did not receive their full request due to the demand on the funding amount; and

WHEREAS, an increase to the student organization fund would help the Student organization Fund keep up with the demand from student organizations as well as inflation;

WHEREAS, increasing the student organization fund would increase the opportunity for student engagement in student activities; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the 63rd session of Student Senate acknowledges the demand to increase the amount in the Student Organization Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, the Student Senate will continue to work towards an increase for the Student Organization Fund;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage, President Yates will transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students, John Haven, III, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration; Paul Butrymowicz, Assistant Director of the AIL Office; Sara Thommesen, Student Organizations Coordinator; Dorothy Nelson, Associate Director Budget & Management

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