Bill to Approve the Special Fees 2013 Allowed Budget Increase
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February 6, 2013 to the ASSU Graduate Student Council
Action Requested: Simple majority approval by each legislative body

WHEREAS Article I, Section 4, Subsection B-5 of the Undergraduate Senate By-Laws states that Appropriations (Special and General Fee) Procedures require a recorded vote of simple majority of the Undergraduate Senate; and

WHEREAS The previously allowed budget increase a Special Fees group could request in order to not petition (if they met all other requirements) was 10% plus inflation; and

WHEREAS The Elections Committee has decided on a 2.1% inflation rate; and

WHEREAS When a Special Fees does use its reserves, it’s generally never more than 10% of their budget; and

WHEREAS If a proposed budget increases significantly from current budget, they should have the approval of the student population

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

THAT In order for a Special Fees not to petition

THAT They meet all the following requirements:

i. Group received ≥50% approval the last time it was on the ballot for special fees (If group never appeared on the ballot or received <50%, it must petition.)

ii. Must obtain a 3/5 vote in favor of budget from the relevant Association legislative bodies

iii. Proposed budget must be smaller than current budget +7.1% plus the inflation rate (The total amount requested must be less than 1.071 times the amount of budget the last time the group appeared on the ballot (They are allowed a 7.1% increase, plus inflation))