A bill to fund, promote, tickets sales to graduate students for a major Spring Quarter concert in Frost Amphitheater

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Action Requested: ⅔ approval by the Graduate Student Council (GSC clauses)

WHEREAS, a major concert will be occurring this Spring, on May 15 2013 in Frost Amphitheater, the second concert of its kind in at least five years; and

WHEREAS, the concert’s primary audience is Stanford students, and a significant number of graduate students are expected to attend this concert; and

WHEREAS, the concert will require tickets for all attendees, and will be open to both Stanford students and the general public; and

WHEREAS, unsubsidized tickets (i.e., tickets for the general public) will cost an estimated $47/ticket; and

WHEREAS, the subsidized tickets are available to students for about $20/ticket for undergraduate and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council seeks to contribute to Stanford Concert Network, by financial and non-financial means in order to draw and engage an even larger student population, specifically graduate students, to the concert than last year; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Buffer Fund is currently larger than its purpose warrants; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Buffer Fund is derived from an 8% portion of the General Fee plus Special Fee's plus SSE Administrative costs levied on graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Bylaws, Article VI §7.A.17 states:

The Graduate Buffer Fund and Undergraduate Buffer Fund shall be administered by the relevant legislative bodies in a manner specified in their by-laws. The Graduate Special Distribution Buffer Account shall be administered by both the Undergraduate Senate, the GSC, and the ASSU Financial Manager as specified in the Bill 'To Implement the Partitioning of the Association Buffer Fund into the
Undergraduate Buffer Fund and the Graduate Buffer Fund'. Funds from the Undergraduate Buffer Fund, Graduate Buffer Fund, and Graduate Special Distribution Buffer Account may not be used for any purpose unrelated to special fees without 2/3 majority approval from both legislative bodies.

and, WHEREAS, this use of the Graduate Buffer Fund is unrelated to Special Fees, and may therefore may be approved by ⅔ majority approval from both legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, funds for the concert are being administered by the Stanford Concert Network on behalf of the Stanford Concert Executive Committee (SCEC), a chartered organization comprised jointly of students and staff members with extensive experience planning and executing major events.

WHEREAS, this Bill reflects an amendment Bill GSC-2013-2, depositing the money for the Stanford Concert Network in account 7200 rather than account 7220, to make the forms available to all forms of marketing, and not just marketing printing expenses, as originally intended in GSC-2013-2.

THEREFORE BE IT ENacted BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

THAT: $5,000 be allocated from the Graduate Buffer Fund to the Stanford Concert Network, on behalf of the SCEC, specifically for the execution of a major spring quarter concert in Frost Amphitheater; and

THAT: the GSC money shall be used towards marketing to graduate students in order to draw and engage an even larger graduate population to the concert than last year; and

THAT: SCEC and SCN will reserve 750 tickets for graduate students to purchase; and

THAT: if these reserved tickets are not sold by 0:01 AM on May 6 2013, the remaining seats may be sold to any person; and

THAT: proceeds from this concert continue to be used towards subsidize tickets for a future concert, open to graduate students, and ticket subsidies deriving from the proceeds shall be offered on fair terms to both graduate students and undergraduate students; and

THAT: the distribution of the money to the Stanford Concert Network (7062) is approved effective immediately, and shall be into the following line items:

7200 – Marketing Expenses: $5,000.00
THAT: any funds left over unused of the allocation be transferred back to the Graduate Student Council

AND THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

THAT the Graduate Student Council’s allocation of $5,000 from the Graduate Buffer Fund to the Stanford Concert Network, as specified by this bill, is approved.