A bill to fund and 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; and ⅔ approval by the Undergraduate Senate

**WHEREAS**, a major concert will be occurring this Spring on May 17, 2014 in Frost Amphitheater, the third 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 $40/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 student, 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 be approved by a 2/3 vote of 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.
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

THAT: $10,000 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: half of this money shall be used towards marketing to graduate students in order to draw and engage an even larger graduate population to the concert than previous years; and

THAT: the other half of this money shall be used towards subsidizing graduate student attendance at the concert; and

THAT: SCEC and SCN will reserve 1000 tickets for graduate students to purchase; and

THAT: if these reserved tickets are not sold by 12:01 AM on May 9 2014, 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
2801 – Frost Checking: $5,000.00

THAT: any unspent funds allocated for Marketing Expenses be transferred back to the Graduate Student Council 2-2640-9-0-2820 GSGF RESERVE account.

AND THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

THAT the Graduate Student Council’s allocation of $10,000.00 from the Graduate Buffer Fund to the Stanford Concert Network, as specified by this bill, is approved.