Bill for an Emergency Bailout of General Fees  
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Action Requested: ⅔ approval by the Undergraduate Senate; ⅔ approval by the Graduate Student Council

WHEREAS On April 15, 2014 the ASSU Financial Manager, Neveen Mahmoud, informed the Senate that the Undergraduate Programming & Community Service General Fee (P&CS) had been exhausted.

WHEREAS Because the P&CS has been exhausted, the Financial Manager cannot make disbursements to General Fees VSOs

WHEREAS It is the responsibility of the Undergraduate Senate to fund General Fees VSOs

WHEREAS The Undergraduate Senate’s current inability to secure funding for General Fees VSO’s constitutes an emergency

WHEREAS The Undergraduate Senate Appropriations Committee believes the Undergraduate Buffer Fund can and should be used in an emergency

WHEREAS The Undergraduate Buffer Fund is comprised in part of returning waiver buffer fees charged to the Undergraduate student body each quarter

WHEREAS Stanford Student Enterprises, at the Financial Manager’s recommendation and Appropriations Committee’s approval, has taken $74,642.64 in unspent money back from General Fees groups

WHEREAS The Senate Innovation Fund currently has $24,358.60 of unspent money that will return to the Buffer Fund at the end of the program

WHEREAS The Senate Chair discretionary account currently has $9,100 that will return to the Buffer Fund at the end of the Fiscal Year

WHEREAS The Senate has not spent $9,536.08 of the current budget that will return to the Buffer Fund at the end of the Fiscal Year, not including salaries

WHEREAS The unspent money from the above sources totals $117,637.32

WHEREAS The 16th Undergraduate Senate ought to have access to $2,000 of the remaining budget for initiatives during the rest of the Fiscal Year
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

THAT $24,358.60 be moved from the Senate Innovation Fund to the Programming & Community Service General Fee

THAT $7,536.08 be moved from the Undergraduate Senate budget to the Programming & Community Service General Fee

THAT $9,100 be moved from the Senate Chair Discretionary Account to the Programming & Community Service General Fee

THAT $11,350 can be spent from the remaining SIF funds, after those funds are spent, the program will be immediately canceled

THAT Effective immediately, a maximum of $2,000 may be distributed from the FY14 Undergraduate Senate budget for any purpose

THAT The Chair of the 16th Undergraduate Senate may not spend money out of the Chair Discretionary Account this Fiscal Year

THAT Stanford Student Enterprises shall not make any General Fees disbursements transfers until the Chair of the Undergraduate Senate approves a timeline for these disbursements