Bill to Approve Modification of SNRP Budget
Graduate Student Council Bill

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Action Requested: Majority vote

WHEREAS the group the Stanford News Readership Program has incurred significant debt to the New York Times,

WHEREAS the mentioned service provider has indicated that it will cease providing newspapers to said group, effectively halting the operation of the Stanford News Readership Program, if these debts are not paid immediately,

WHEREAS the president of said group has given assurance that the debts are an accounting error, and reflect a misunderstanding between said group and said newspaper providers,

WHEREAS said group temporarily requires funds from academic year 2004 – 2005 for clear its debt to said providers in order to continue operation,

WHEREAS the Undergraduate Senate held that, in this unique circumstance, the use of funds from academic year 2004 – 2005 for a prior year expenditure may be warranted to preserve the Stanford News Readership Program, and voted accordingly at their meeting on January 11th, 2005,

WHEREAS the Stanford News Readership Program is a service valued by a large portion of the Graduate and Undergraduate Stanford Community,

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL OF THIS ASSOCIATION:

THAT the Graduate Student Council will join the Undergraduate Senate in granting the Stanford News Readership Program permission to use $10,750 of funds from academic year 2004-2005 to cover newspaper subscription expenses from the year 2003-2004,

THAT the leadership of the Stanford News Readership Program develops a report, to be presented to the Graduate Student Council on January 26th, 2005, that chronicles Stanford News Readership’s financial delinquency in full, including a statement from the 2003-2004 financial manager stating why the Program remains indebted,

THAT the president of the Stanford News Readership Program return to report to the Graduate Student Council within one month to give a report including the Stanford News Readership Program’s financial standing with newspaper providers, a projection for future expenses, and a plan to ensure that in the future, such accounting errors will be avoided, and
THAT if said reports are not submitted, or are deemed to be unsatisfactory, the Stanford News Readership Program be required to operate under increased scrutiny, with the responsibility to give weekly financial reports to the Graduate Student Council in writing or in person.