

85-023



The Student Senate  
85th Student Government Association  
Bethel College

**"A Bill to Approve the Amended Budget for the 85th Student Government Association"**

**Introduced By:** Alec Loganbill, Student Body Vice President, Acting Chief Financial Officer

**Date Submitted:** September 24, 2017

**Action Taken by the Student Government Association Senate**

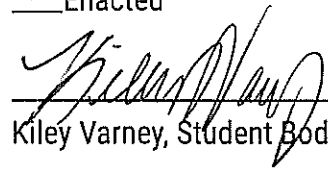
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Heath Goertzen, Speaker of the Senate

  
Sarah Turner, Secretary of the Senate

**Action Taken by the Student Body President**

Enacted  Vetoed

  
Kiley Varney, Student Body President

  
Gabriel A. Fonseca, Director of Student Activities and Engagement

"FOR STUDENTS...BY STUDENTS"

## **Bil 85-023 A Bill to Approve the Amended Budget**

### **Abstract:**

The Student Government Association budget is the primary source of funding for Student Activities Council, the Diversity Council, the Collegian, SGA Internal Operations, all Student Clubs and Organizations, as well as Special Projects and Initiatives done by SGA. The source of all our funds is the Student Government Fee, a fee charged to all students at Bethel College.

Each spring, SGA predicts what our budget will be based on estimated enrollment numbers for the following fall, provided by the college. After a budget requests, hearings, and a vote from the Senate, a preliminary budget was approved in May of 2016 for this school year. This budget often changes slightly because the College can only provide a prediction. On September 20th, enrollment numbers for the semester were finalized at 503 students, setting SGA's budget at \$114,600.

Bill 85-023 amends the budget approved last May to reflect the final enrollment and budget numbers. Changes that were made to adjust to the new budget include:

1. Adjusting stipend pay for Freshman Senators and SAC Assistant Coordinators to reflect Bills 85-019 and 85-021.
2. Additional surplus (\$160) allocated to SGA Special Projects

In revising the budget, we did our best to keep most accounts and stipends proportional to the budget approved in May, but also factored in the needs of students and certain underfunded organizations within SGA (i.e. Diversity Council, Clubs and Organizations).

**Whereas,** the budget of the Student Government Association is completely funded by the Student Government Fee and dependent on the number of student at Bethel College, and

**Whereas,** the number of students is greater than what the current Fiscal '18 budget is based on.

**Therefore, Let it be Enacted:** The amended Fiscal '18 Budget reflecting the current and finalized number of students at Bethel College (see Appendix A) be approved by the Senate.