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The Student Senate
85th Student Government Association
Bethel College

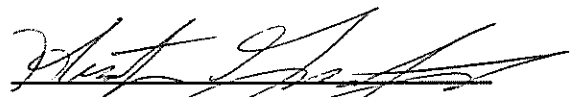
A Bill Implementing the Individual Request Scholarship

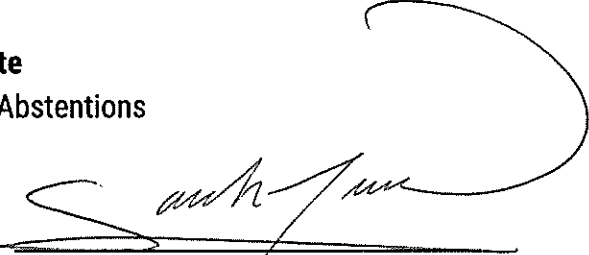
Introduced By: Ryan LaCombe, Finance Committee Chair

Date Submitted: March 26, 2018

Action Taken by the Student Government Association Senate


Vote: _____ For _____ Against _____ Abstentions

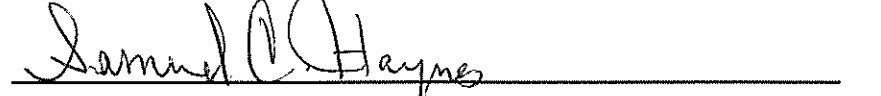

Heath Goertzen, Speaker of the Senate


Sarah Turner, Secretary of the Senate

Action Taken by the Student Body President

Enacted Vetoed


Kiley Varney, Student Body President


Samuel Haynes, Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students

85-042: A Bill Allowing the Student Government to Financially Support Individuals

Abstract: Currently, the Student Government Fee (SGF) only serves students who are directly involved in Registered Student Organizations (RSO). Should a student not have enough time or interest to participate in such activities, they are not receiving any benefit from their SGF. The current system for the SGF does not allow *individuals* to request money. Recognizing students should have a right to all fees paid, this bill proposes a more versatile SGF.

Whereas, the Student Government Association (SGA) acts with the best interests of the students of Bethel College in mind; and,

Whereas, the SGA is totally funded by the students through the Student Government Fee (SGF); and,

Whereas, not all students are able to reap the benefits of their SGF due to lack of time or interest in current Registered Student Organizations (RSO); and,

Whereas, the current SGF system only supports individuals who are involved in RSOs; and

Whereas, the SGA supports all students, even those who are not directly involved in RSOs,

Therefore, Let it be Enacted, the Senate approve the formation of the ~~Individual Request Scholarship (IRS)~~ **Individual Scholarship Request (ISR)**.

I. Let it be Further Enacted, the ISR operate under the following conditions:

1. \$1,000 be allocated in the following year's budget for requests
2. ~~Up to 10 \$100 grants will be granted to students who apply and receive the grant~~
3. **A student will be able to request grants up to a cumulative total value of 83% of the yearly Student Government Fee for a full time student of that year**
4. Students are only eligible if they are in good academic standing
5. Students must use the grant for **directly** educational purposes ~~(certificate testing fees, conferences, individual research, etc.)~~ **such as testing, research (including Senior Seminar expenses), Conference Travel or Registration, etc.**
 - a. **Requests outside of this realm will still be reviewed but are less likely to be approved by the Senate**
 - b. **Information provided to the Senate regarding request need will be private and protected**
 - c. **The identity of the person requesting funding will be kept private from the student body (censored on official documents)**
 - d. **Receipts and unused money must be returned to the Senate after funding is used**
 - e. **Funding use will follow the RSO funding use policies (if money is used inappropriately, it will be charged to the student's account)**
6. Any money not used by the student shall be given back to the SGA
7. Students can only apply if there is no current **request-relevant** RSO to support them, or the current RSO is unable to **fully** fund their request
8. ~~A student may apply for as many grants as they wish, regardless of previous IRS granted or denied~~

II. Let it be Further Enacted, the ~~IRS~~ **ISR** will be granted after the following steps have been taken:*

1. Requesting student fills out the ~~IRS~~ **ISR** request form and ~~is turned~~ **turns it** in to the SGA Advisor and Finance Committee
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MQpfPQe7r2RkbbVaNd8VZmEsLAmOS-XalZziaeRv1Qo/edit>
- ~~2. Finance Committee reviews and approves the request~~
- ~~3. Finance Committee writes a bill proposing the requested grant money be given to the requesting student (to be voted on by the senate at the upcoming senate meeting)~~
- ~~4. Requesting student will be present at the aforementioned senate meeting to provide further explanation for their use of grant money~~
- ~~5. The voting senate will go into executive session and discuss the wisdom of granting money to the requesting student~~
- ~~6. The voting senate approves (by majority vote) to grant the requested money to the requesting student~~
2. **Finance Committee reviews each request before the next Senate Meeting.**
3. **The request comes before the Student Senate at the next Senate Meeting (or the next Senate Meeting which the student can attend), and the Finance Committee makes a Yes or No recommendation regarding the request.**
4. **The requesting student is required to attend the Senate Meeting at which their request will be voted on.**
 - a. **If the student is unable to attend the Senate Meeting at which their request will be voted on, their request form will be reviewed and voted on in their absence. Further explanation of the request may be submitted by the student if they deem it necessary.**
5. **Upon reviewing the Finance Committee's recommendation and the student's request, the Senate will discuss and vote on the request in an Executive Session.**

*Should any one of these steps not be completed, the requesting student's request will be denied