

87-041



The Student Senate
87th Student Government Association
Bethel College

A Bill to Make Yearly Payments to SGAs Debt

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Action Taken by the Student Government Association Senate

Vote: _____ For _____ Against _____ Abstentions

Kalynn Wiles, Speaker of the Senate

Madison Hofer-Holdeman, Secretary of the Senate

Action Taken by the Student Body President

____ Enacted ____ Vetoed

Alayna Wallace, Student Body President

Ana Parra, Coordinator of Student Activities, SGA Advisor

“FOR STUDENTS...BY STUDENTS”

87-041: *A Bill to Make Yearly Payments to SGA's Debt*

Abstract:

This bill is the plan that was created in order to combat the deficit of the Student Government Association of Bethel CollegeSGAs deficit. With adherence to this protocol, it is estimated the debt can be paid off in approximately 3-7 years.

Whereas, SGAs' mission statement is “We at SGA govern for students, by students”, hence the plan should be one that benefits the students.

Whereas, this plan is one that benefits both the college and the student body by allowing us, the students, to fulfill our obligations and take responsibility for prior mistakes without negatively impacting the student body.

Whereas, the SGA understands that utilizing more than 10% of our budget (capping at \$11,020) would not be an ideal use of student funds in any given year.

Recognizing that by allowing there to be a hard cap to these percentages, this means that if more than a certain number of students are enrolled in Bethel College, less of their student money will be applied towards the deficit.

Furthermore, this will benefit the college without taking advantage of the student body because the more students that enroll, the less of their money goes to the deficit.

Recognizing SGA does accept the fact that we need to take responsibility and pay off our debt.

Therefore, Let it be Enacted: that the chief of staff will utilize the following protocol until the deficit is paid off:

1. At the beginning of the Spring semester, 2.5% of SGAs' overall budget will be removed from either SGAs' internal operations account and/or the special projects fund and go towards the deficit.
 - This number has a hard cap at \$2750.
2. At the end of the year, the remaining budget should be put towards the deficit capping at up to 7.5% of the annual budget.
 - This number has a hard cap of \$8270

Let it be understood, that at the end of a given year if SGA is unable to pay the 7.5% towards the debt because SGA is using their fund efficiently and does not have that much money available, then it is acceptable for the full payment not to be made.