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Memorandum

June 15, 2021

To: Dr. Vincent E. Morton, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

From: Kathryn A. Weiser, Assistant Dean of Students *KaW*
Student Government Co-Advisor

Subject: Student Government Senate Bill Legislation 2020-2021.12

Legislation S.B.2020-2021.12 “Senator Pay Act” passed by the Student Government Senate on March 22nd, 2021, is attached. This legislation intends to pay each Senator up to a \$200 stipend. I support the intended outcome to help recruit and retain Senators, however, I am concerned if the Student Government budget will be able to sustain a maximum \$9,000 in stipends each year. Additionally, this may set a precedent causing future budget implications as salaries increase for other unpaid positions in the Supreme Court and House.

Please note Senate Bills are under the Dean of Students purview for response.

Cc: Dr. Angelica Coronado, Attorney for Students & Director
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Memorandum

May 29, 2021

To: Dr. Vincent E. Morton, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
Kathryn A. Weiser, Assistant Dean of Students

From: Andrew Gryce, Student Body President

Subject: Student Government Passed Legislation: Senate Bill 2020-2021.12

Please find attached the below legislation S.B.2020-2021.12 passed by the Student Senate on March 22nd, 2021.

Legislation Passed: S.B.2020-2021.12 Senate Bill Entitled Senator Pay Act

Number of Vote: 30 voted in favor, 0 voted in opposition, 1 voted to abstain

I approve this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate entitled Senator Pay Act relating to the encouragement of interest in the Student Senate with a stipend of \$20 per meeting from the Student Government budget.

It is important to note that payment toward the Student Senate was not included in the 2020-2021 session's budget. The potential installment of the Senate Bill to be known as the Senator Pay Act will be further discussed when considering the budget for the 2021-2022 session.

Author

Parliamentarian Smith, Matthew

Sponsors

Senator Bailey, Brett

Senator Shi, Tiger

Senator Settegast, Camile

Senator McMahon, Montana

Senator York, Katharine

Date of First Reading: March 8th, 2021

S.B.2020-2021.12

A Bill

To be entitled "Senator Pay Act" relating to the encouragement of interest in the Student Senate.

WHEREAS: Interest in serving as a Senator has suffered volatile and overall downward interest in the past years; and

WHEREAS: Many students cannot serve in the Eenate as it takes too much time away from necessary part-time jobs; and

WHEREAS: A small stipend would alleviate this struggle and raise interest in serving as a Senator; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED: That the Code of Laws Title IX be amended to further protect the powers of the Senate from the House;

Chapter 208- SENATOR PAY ACT**Article I. Senator Pay Act**

§1 AUTHORIZATION: This chapter and all its regulations are authorized pursuant to Article VI, Section 17 (g) and (o) of the Student Government Constitution.

§2 SENATOR PAY: Senators will be paid a stipend of \$20 a meeting, the total of which is not to exceed \$200. This money will be provided from the Student Government budget. If a senator is absent from a meeting for any reason, the stipend for that meeting is forfeit. The method for distributing the pay will be decided by the Student Body President, Vice President, Senate Leader, and the Department of Finance.