

## Student Government Bill

Title: Allocation of Funds towards Student-Driven Projects

### Preamble:

Whereas, empowering students to initiate and support projects they deem essential enhances the university experience and fosters a sense of ownership and community; and

Whereas, there exist surplus funds in various accounts within the student government budget that could be redirected towards student-driven initiatives; and

Whereas, ensuring that allocated funds are utilized for projects not already designated within the campus master plan prevents duplication of efforts and optimizes resource allocation;

### Section 1: Definitions

**Professional Projects Account:** A designated fund within the student government budget allocated for design teams.

**Club Appropriations Account:** A designated fund within the student government budget allocated for supporting student clubs and organizations.

**Campus Events Account:** A designated fund within the student government budget allocated for organizing and facilitating campus-wide events and activities.

**KMNR Account:** A designated fund within the student government budget allocated for the KMNR radio station.

**Non-varsity Sports Account:** A designated fund within the student government budget allocated for the support of student non-varsity sports organizations.

**Student-Driven Projects Account (SDP Account):** A singular account established to receive allocated funds from the aforementioned accounts for the purpose of funding projects initiated and prioritized by the student body that match the criteria under the SAFB code and as approved by the Capital Improvement Committee.

## Section 2: Reallocation of Funds

Student government shall transfer a portion of the available funds from the Professional Projects Account, the Club Appropriations Account, and the Campus Events Account to the Student-Driven Projects Account (SDP Account).

The exact amount to be transferred from each account shall be determined by the Student Council in consultation with the Student Activity Finance Board and the department of Student Involvement, ensuring a fair and reasonable allocation while safeguarding the operational capabilities of each account.

Any surplus funds remaining in the KMNR Account and Athletics Account after necessary operational expenses shall also be transferred to the Student-Driven Projects Account (SDP Account).

## Section 3: Implementation

The Student Senate shall oversee the execution of fund transfers outlined in Section 2 and ensure compliance with the guidelines set forth in this bill.

The Student Activity Finance Board's Capitol Improvement Committee shall be responsible for managing the Student-Driven Projects Account (SDP Account) and coordinating with student representatives to identify, prioritize, and execute student-driven initiatives.

## Section 4: Exclusion of Master Plan Items

No funds allocated to the Student-Driven Projects Account (SDP Account) shall be spent on any item or project already included in the university's campus master plan or that fails to meet the requirements as written in the SAFB code.

## Section 5: Enactment

This bill shall be enacted upon approval by the Student Council of the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Once enacted, it shall be the responsibility of the Student Council through the Student Activity Finance Board to enforce the provisions outlined herein.

Amendments to this bill may be proposed and enacted through the standard legislative process within the Student Council.

## Section 6: Severability

If any provision of this bill is declared invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

## Section 7: Effective Date

This bill shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Sponsor:

Markus Baur – SAFB Chair

Date:

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