The intent of this bill shall be to establish an independent system to fund Student Organizations housed within the USF College of Medicine. The bill delegates some of the powers and responsibilities of allocating Activity and Service Fee’s to the College of Medicine Student Council. Student Organizations are still required to abide by all Student Government policies and procedures and may not deviate from Proviso. The bill establishes the College of Medicine Funding Council which will be responsible for the Annual Funding process and requires the Council to outline a subsequent appeals process. The Council will receive a lump-sum total allocation and will subsequently be responsible for allocating the individual Student Organization budgets.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, that the following changes be made to the Student Government Statutes:

Chapter

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The Student Council of the College of Medicine

807.1 The Student Council of the College of Medicine (herein referred to as the Council) shall be responsible for allocating the Annual Budgets of all Student Organizations housed within the USF College of Medicine.

807.2 The Council’s membership shall be established by the Council in accordance with their established Constitution. Council membership shall remain open to all College of Medicine Students. Non-College of Medicine Students may not serve as voting members of the Council.

807.3 College of Medicine Student Organizations must meet all Activity and Service Fee eligibility guidelines and conform to all Student Government laws and procedures in order to be eligible for funding.

807.4 Student Organizations which are eligible for funding from both Student Government and the Council shall only apply for funding from the Council.

807.5 All Student Organizations which fall within the purview of the Council will follow the funding process as outlined within this chapter. A catalog of these eligible organizations shall be generated and maintained by the Activity and Service Fee Management Bureau.
807.6 College of Medicine Student Organizations shall continue to abide by all Student Government processes and procedures outlined within Statutes, including, but not limited to, the established Student Government budget transfer procedures outlined in Chapter 801.

807.7 Annual Funding:

807.7.1 College of Medicine Student Organizations will submit their budget requests no later than the first Friday of November to the Activity and Service Fee Management Bureau. A copy of the budget requests shall be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Council.

807.7.2 The Council will then review and compile all the Student Organization budget requests. The Council shall submit a consolidated request to Student Government no later than the submission deadline established by Student Government for the applicable fiscal year. The request shall include both (a) all Student Organization budget requests and (b) the Student Council of the College of Medicine budget request.

807.7.3 The Activity and Service Fee Recommendation Committee (ASRC) shall review the Council’s request in its entirety. Reductions shall not be made to individual club requests; however, ASRC shall allocate specific line item balances for the Student Council of the College of Medicine. An overall amount will be allocated for Student Organization budgets.

807.7.4 After the funds have been allocated by ASRC, the Council shall convene to allocate the funds in accordance with both the individual organizations budget request and Student Government Proviso.

807.7.5 After concluding its initial allocation request, the Council may participate in the ASRC “mock budget” process.

807.7.6 Upon concluding its allocation process, the Council shall submit a report to the Activity and Service Fee Management Bureau listing the funding, by line item, for all organizations. The Council may also include recommended changes to the funding procedure and the upcoming year’s proviso.

807.8 The Council may adopt its own Standard Operating Procedures which shall not conflict with the Student Government Constitution or Statutes. The Standard Operating Procedure shall require the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules prior to its enactment.

807.9 The Council shall establish a method by which Student Organizations may appeal their allocations. The Council shall report any appeals, and the action taken, to the Activity and Service Fee Management Bureau.

807.10 The College of Medicine Student Affairs office shall designate an individual responsible for coordinating the financial operations of all College of Medicine Student Organizations, including but not limited to, purchase orders and budget transfer requests, with Student Government and the Activity and Service Fee Bureau.

807.11 In the event that the Council fails to initiate the budget request process by the third Friday of October of the applicable year or is in a condition which prevents it from operating within the schedule prescribed by this chapter, the duties of this Council and the process outlined within this chapter shall be suspended for the applicable fiscal year and the affected Student Organizations shall follow the same procedures prescribed for all remaining general Student Organization requests at no penalty to their own request.
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