



University of Illinois Springfield
Student Government Association Resolution 047

Reforming Stipends

Resolution Sponsor: Trustee Hoffman

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to allocate a financially responsible budget and use these funds in an appropriate manner;

WHEREAS, the President, Internal Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary all receive stipends totaling \$2,750;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, all stipends be removed unless a student can show through the Office of Financial Assistance that they have financial need. If a student can show through a signed application produced by SGA and authorized by the Office of Financial Assistance that they have financial need, they shall receive a stipend at the end of their term. Financial need in the case of SGA stipends shall be defined as having Pell Grant eligibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a maximum budget of one-thousand two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250) be spent on stipends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to complications with international students and their eligibility in filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), international students are deemed automatically eligible for SGA stipends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Government make the following addition to the current bylaws under Article VII:

Section 1. Funds for stipends to SGA members will be paid from the amount allocated to the SGA from the Student Life budget.

Section 2. Stipends are to only be awarded to financially needy students as defined by Pell Grant eligibility which shall be determined by the Office of Financial Assistance.

Section 3. Due to complications with international students and their eligibility in filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and determining their financial need, international students who hold the below eligible positions are deemed automatically eligible for SGA stipends.

Section 3. The President, Internal Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions will be eligible for a stipend.

Section 4. The President's stipend will be in the amount of \$500 while the Internal Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary stipends will be in the amount of \$250.

Section 5. The Trustee, External Vice President, and Parliamentarian are not eligible to receive stipends.

Section 6. Senators are not eligible to receive stipends.

Section 7. All officers receiving stipends will be paid at the end of the year, which are subject to removal from office as outlined in Article IX.

Section 8. A request for a stipend must be submitted to the President or Treasurer by the first week of the spring semester. Applications will not be accepted after the end of this week.

Section 8. Any change in stipends will not take effect until the beginning of the next academic year after approval from the SGA.

Section 9. Any unused stipends shall be absorbed back into the SGA's budget.

Secretary E. Hartney

President A. Mehmet