

# Legislative Bill

A RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY.

## **Definitions:**

SGA: The Student Government Association of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

CFO: The currently employed Chief Financial Officer of the Student Government Association.

SGA Supreme Court: The Supreme Court, as defined in the SGA Constitution, Article 6.

Funds Recipient: any individual or group that receives any amount of funds from the SGA for the purpose of or in relation to attending a conference(s) or competition(s), for the purpose of funding an event(s) or activity(ies), or for the purpose of routine operations of the individual or group.

**Title of Resolution:** Resolution to Require Return and Reporting on Funding Use

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## **Purpose:**

The purpose of this resolution is to allow for more transparency and recognition for clubs and groups who receive funding from the SGA, as well as increase accountability with these groups, by requiring that such groups return to the SGA and report on their use of the funds and the outcomes of any conference, competition, event, or activity to which the funds were used in relation.

## **Resolution:**

It has been realized that, after funding recipients receive their funding from the SGA, there is no communication or return from the funding recipients. Specifically, the SGA is handing out funds without ever finding out what the result of such funding was.

To address this issue, this bill resolves to require that any funding recipient be required to return to the SGA to deliver a report on the results of their funding within two (2) senate sessions following the date given to the SGA for the purpose or event for which the funds were to be used.

Specifically, if a funds recipient uses their received funding in relation to attending a conference(s), they are expected to report on what was gained by attending that conference(s) and any presentations or talks the funding recipient gave at that conference(s).

Alternatively, if a funding recipient uses their received funding in relation to attending a competition(s), the funding recipient shall report on the results of that competition(s), including but not limited to: their placement in the competition(s), anything they did particularly well at the competition(s), who ultimately won that competition(s), and anything areas in which the funding recipient did poorly and may need to focus on improving. Lastly, if a funding recipient uses their award in relation to hosting or organizing an event or activity, the recipient shall report on the outcome of the event, roughly how many people attended the event, whether or not the event is successful in its purpose and goals as outlined when the funding recipient initially requested funding, and what can be improved upon, should the event be held again.

Lastly, all funds recipients shall provide receipts to the CFO for all usage of the funds provided by the SGA. This includes travel expenses, lodging expenses, and equipment expenses. However, this provision is not limited to these expenses, and any additional usage of funds provided by the SGA shall also be provided to the CFO in the form of receipts. Funds recipients shall also present this information verbally to the SGA Senate with their report described in the previous paragraph. Failure of a funds recipient to comply to this provision, as determined by the SGA Supreme Court in an official hearing under the guidance of the CFO, shall result in the funds recipient being unable to request any additional funding from the SGA for the period determined by the SGA Supreme Court, with a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of five (5) academic semester(s) immediately following the decision of the SGA Supreme court. This period shall include summer semesters and all time between semesters within the period as determined by the Supreme court, but shall not include summer semesters in the counting of semesters served.

In order to ensure these requirements are understood by any prospective funds recipient that desires to request funds from the SGA, these requirements shall be included in all funding request bills and forms.