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Operational Spending Act

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Daniel Levine, Winthrop '17, Rules Committee Chair
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Meghamsh Kanuparth, Kirkland '16
Samarth Gupta, Lowell '18, Treasurer
Ziko McLean, Currier '18

Recommended by

Rules Committee 12/4/15
Yes: 5
No: 1
Abstentions: 0

Evan Bonsall, Elm Yard '19: Yes
Samarth Gupta, Lowell '18: Yes
Meghamsh Kanuparth, Kirkland '16: Yes

Daniel Levine, Winthrop '17: Yes
Ziko McLean, Currier '18: Yes
Jacob Steinberg-Otter, Cabot '16: No

Vote By Unanimous Consent

Passed 2/7/16

Whereas, Section 66.2 of the Bylaws states, "The Council may not spend money that it has not appropriated through legislative business with the exception of provisions in Section 62.2;" and

Whereas, Section 62.2 of the Bylaws states,

The following schedule shall govern any routine expenditure from the operations fund.

- A. Administrative Expenses. The Executive Board may appropriate up to \$200.00 without consulting the Council for normal operational expenses and pestering of public notices.



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- B. Elections. The Council will fully fund the costs of running its own elections.
- C. Overhead. The Operations fund will be used to pay the rent, phone bill, mailing costs, costs of office supplies, hired office managers, and the refund of term bill fees.

and

Whereas, Section 3 of Standing Rule 2 states, “In the situation where the Council stands in possession of funds not obtained through the student term bill or through Harvard University sources, let it be noted that spending requires only the simple consent of the Exec Board in order to be appropriated. The Treasurer shall report expenses not exempt under Section 62.2 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Council via electronic mail to the members of the Council;” and

Whereas, the Rules Committee has interpreted the above legislation as meaning that:

1. Expenditures originating from student term bill money must be approved in advance by a vote of the full Council, in which a simple majority of the voting Council members approve the expense; and
2. Expenditures paid from the operations fund may be approved by
 - a. a vote of the full Council, in which a simple majority of the voting Council members approve the expense or
 - b. a vote of the full Executive Board, in which a simple majority of the voting members approve the expense, provided that
 - i. the funds do not exceed \$200 and the full Council is subsequently notified or
 - ii. the funds are used for
 1. elections
 2. rent
 3. phone bill
 4. mailing costs
 5. costs of office supplies
 6. hired office managers

and



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Whereas, the Rules Committee seeks to clarify existing rules in the Bylaws and in Standing Rule 2, which govern the Council's appropriation of funds; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 62.2 of the Bylaws be amended to state:

The following schedule shall govern any expenditure of funds not obtained through the student term bill, provided spending is not in excess of the sum of the amount remaining in the appropriate fund, minus all unpaid authorizations from said funds:

A. Spending by the Full Undergraduate Council. By a simple majority vote, the full Council may appropriate any amount of funding for any expense.

B. Administrative Expenses. By a simple majority vote, the Executive Board may appropriate any amount for any expense provided that the full Council is notified.

and

Be it further resolved that this amendment to the Bylaws supersede Standing Rule 2.