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BILL TO REQUIRE THAT STUDENT FEES BE USED FOR PROGRAMS IN WHICH ALL STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND

- WHEREAS, Oregon State University students pay mandatory student fees.
- WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States decision on Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth requires that the allocation of mandatory student fees be done with a “viewpoint neutral basis”¹.
- WHEREAS, A primary concern of the Southworth decision was to constitutionally allow and encourage open campus debate and discussion among students.
- WHEREAS, To have “vibrant campus debate”² opposing viewpoints must be allowed to be heard in a calm and collective manner.

BE IT HEREBY REQUIRED BY THE 65th ASOSU UNDERGRADUATE SENATE AND THE 11th ASOSU GRADUATE SENATE THAT all programs, forums, debates, and meetings held by organizations that are using mandatory student fees for said program, forum, etc. allow all Oregon State University students the ability to attend.

This bill concerns itself with the following areas and so limits itself to these areas:

- For activities such as but not limited to programs, forums, debates, and meetings of any kind that make use of mandatory student fees, all students currently attending Oregon State University must be allowed to attend.
- Students attending said meetings, programs, etc. with opposing viewpoints shall conduct themselves within any existing group guidelines; and shall not act in a belligerent or disruptive manner or they may be asked to leave.
- This bill does not concern itself with situations in which student fees are used and yet some students are not able to attend due to limited capacity (i.e. sporting events), or due to participation being contingent upon performing at a certain level (i.e. a try-out for an elite group).
- If an organization receives mandatory student fees and wishes to hold a program, forum, debate, and/or meeting but does not wish to allow all current Oregon State University students the ability to attend, they must not use any of their allotment of student fees but must fund said program, forum, etc. using monies acquired through different means.
- In the event that the conditions of this bill are violated the Undergraduate and Graduate Senates reserve the right to take appropriate action; including, but not limited to: turning the issue over to the Judicial Review Board and/or referring the organization to the Student Incidental Fees Committee for sanctioning.

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¹ Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth et al. (page 7)

² Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System v. Southworth et al. (page 9)

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