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WHEREAS the purpose of the Academic Opportunity Fund, or AOF, is to provide financial support to undergraduate students who have been accepted or invited by a reputable organization to present a scholastic achievement or participate in an academic competition, and

WHEREAS an academic opportunity should not be limited to a presentation or competition at a reputable event, and

WHEREAS there is no set standard for awarding applicants of the Academic Opportunity Fund, and

WHEREAS there is no clear distinction for awarding individuals versus group applicants

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED that the purpose of the AOF be redefined as funds intended for any academic opportunity not available at Utah State University so that the language of the application of the AOF should read as follows:

The purpose of the Academic Opportunity Fund (AOF) is to provide financial support to undergraduate students pursuing an academic opportunity not available through Utah State University.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED that a qualified candidate is defined as any undergraduate USU student desiring an academic opportunity outside this institution, which experience is to supplement the academic interests available here at USU, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED that uniform awarding criteria are established of objective measures including completed application, proper documentation, and budget with subjective measures including the purpose, goals, and
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22 topic presentation, be it a competition, presentation, or event attendance (see attached
23 AOF Rating Criteria), and
24 **BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED** that an AOF Rating Rubric be
25 established as a uniform rating system consisting of the objective and subjective
26 measures, which document is to be supplied by the Administrative Assistant to the
27 ASU Academic Senate before each AOF meeting (see attached AOF Rating Rubric)
28 as well as attaching a copy of the rubric with each AOF application, and
29 **BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED** that the maximum allocation of funds
30 per group opportunity not exceed $2,000, and
31 **BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED** that the criteria for the presentation be
32 established as follows:
33 No presentation is to exceed 5 minutes in length
34 Each presentation is to include a background and history of the academic
35 opportunity and the benefit of the opportunity in furthering both educational and
36 career pursuits as well as the benefit to USU, and
37 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that the statutes and application of the AOF reflect these
38 amendments.
39 **Sponsor:**
40 Andrew Hobson, Engineering Senator
41 **Co-sponsors:**
42 Josie Olsen, HASS Senator, Todd Redmon, Science Senator, John Rentschler, Natural
43 Resources Senator