ECB 06-17 Academic Senate Involvement in Budget Recommendation Process

WHEREAS: it is the duty of all outgoing ASUSU Executive Councils to present a budget recommendation to the following year’s Council.

WHEREAS: there is no existing policy explaining the involvement of the Academic Senate in the budgetary process.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED: that the budget recommendation given to the following year’s ASUSU Executive Council, will need to be approved by the current ASUSU Student Government, consisting of the Executive Council and the Academic Senate.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: a combined meeting of the Executive Council and the Academic Senate, chaired by the ASUSU President, will be held to discuss and vote on the recommended budget.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: the Senate Pro Tempore will act as the Senator from the college from which he/she was elected and not as the voice of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: the budget recommendation will be approved by a simple majority of the Executive Council and Academic Senate.

Sponsor:

Spencer Watts, ASUSU Academic Senate President

Co-Sponsors:

Cody Bingham, ASUSU Senate Pro Tempore/College of Agriculture Senator
**History:** ECB 06-XX focuses on the ASUSU budget that is proposed to the following year’s ASUSU Executive Council. Senators are not voted in by the entire student body, and therefore their roll does not include the responsibility of delegating student fees unless funds are given to them from the ASUSU Executive Council for that specific purpose. Having said that, what protection do they have in the budgetary process? Theoretically the ASUSU Executive Council could remove the scholarship or stipend associated with any Senator position. This part of ECB 06-XX will allow the Academic Senate be involved with the recommendation given to the following years council, but stops short of providing them the opportunity vote on approving the recommended budget by the following year’s ASUSU Executive Council. This will protect future Senators, as well as adhere to the responsibilities that a Senator has been given with regards to ASUSU funding.

**Strengths:** It will allow the Academic Senate to have a voice when dealing with items directly affecting them. It will also protect Senators in the budgetary process.

**Weaknesses:** The Budgetary Process can be lengthy, and requiring the Academic Senate to also approve any proposed budget will only lengthen the process.