Amending the USU/SA Constitution to Allow Academic Senate to Vote on the Annual Budget

WHEREAS it is established tradition that Academic Senators vote on the USU/SA annual budget and,

WHEREAS the USU/SA annual budget directly affects the Academic Senate,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT Article VI Section 4, subsections A, B, and C be amended to read as follows:

A. The USU/SA Executive Council and Academic Senate are the stewards of the USU/SA budget for Logan campus. The RCDESG is the steward of the USU/SA budget for RCDE.

B. Approval of the USU/SA budget shall be considered in the form of a bill and passed by a two-thirds vote of the appropriate Executive Council and Academic Senate (Logan Main Campus only).

C. Requests for additional funding shall be considered in the form of a bill and approved by a two-thirds vote of the appropriate Executive Council and the Academic Senate (Logan Main Campus only).

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT Academic Senators shall be entitled to full voting rights in regard to the USU/SA annual budget.

Sponsor: Matthew Anderson- Pro Tempe and CHaSS Senator

Co-sponsor: Matthew Ditto- Education Senator

Co-sponsor: Brittney Garbrick- Graduate Student Senator
Policy Paper

Committee: Executive Council

In Attendance: Douglas Fiefia, Emily Esplin, Charley Riddle, Kevin Meacham, Daryn Frischknecht, Thomas Rogers, Sonina Hernandez, Brittney Garbrick, Matthew Anderson, Casey Saxton, and Trevor Olsen.

Absent: N/A

Result: Failed with three abstentions from Daryn Frischknecht, Kevin Meacham, and Sonina Hernandez

History:
For the last few years, Academic Senate has voted on the USU/SA annual budget alongside Executive Council. While many would view this as a good practice, it does not coincide with what is written in the USU/SA Constitution.

Purpose:
The purpose of this legislation is to make sure that USU/SA is adhering to what is written in the USU/SA Constitution.

Pros:
The Academic Senate and Executive Council will be adhering to the guidelines established by the Utah State student body. This helps to not only promote the integrity of both bodies within USU/SA but, the university as a whole.

Cons:
This will require ratification by the student body during the 2014 elections which could make it difficult to get the word out with so much going on.