Bill: S2016 – SB12
Proposal: Club Sports Funding Methodology
SPONSOR: Colin Boyle, Sophomore Senator
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Whereas, club sports athletes represents a population of over 300 students, according to MiddLink

Whereas, the SGA and the Finance Committee have a vested interest in student activities and student life

Whereas, the dedication and community of club sport athletes deserves to be properly considered by the finance committee as a positive contributor to campus

Whereas, the SGA has a vested interest in accessibility, and club sports represent that accessibility in relation to competitive athletics

Whereas the Finance Committee must develop a proper funding plan to ensure both the stability of their own budget and the continued funding to club sports

Whereas a funding-cap plan was not received well by the club sports community in its current form

Whereas the funding-cap will cap cut some budgets by up to 30%

Whereas, in some cases, this 30% is beyond basic operating costs, particularly in those sports that are material intensive, rendering the sport unable to be competitive

Whereas previous attempts to discuss club sports funding have failed to produce satisfactory results for both parties involved

Whereas the SGA and the Finance Committee ought to have the time to develop such a result

Whereas, the SGA takes complete and total responsibility for the current level of funding that club sports receive until we can find an equitable solution

Be it enacted…

(1) For the FY 2016-2017, the Finance Committee shall continue to fund club sports similar to the methodology of FY 2015-2016.
(2) A committee shall be formed, comprised of the head of the Finance Committee, two other members of the FC, one treasurer or representative from each individual club sport (if they so choose), and two members of the Senate. The head of the committee shall be elected by the committee itself.

(3) This committee shall meet at least once a month during times when classes are in session, starting April 2016, and continuing until March 2017, when it will permanently dissolve.

(4) The Committee shall be tasked with finding an alternative method of funding club sports that will bridge the deficit between a per-capita funding scheme and full operating costs.

(5) If no new funding proposal will have been found following March 2017, the Finance Committee will begin implementing the per capita funding cap plan, subject to a senate vote.

(6) The committee may extend itself for another year through a simple majority vote by its own members.