A RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTING STIPENDS TO SELECT STUDENT SENATE ROLES

WHEREAS our elected student officials work and serve the student body, and many of whom forgo working, or decrease their working hours, in order to serve the student body, and

RECOGNIZING student body officers at a number of peer and aspirational schools are compensated for their commitment to service. A list is available of collected compensation, and the payment of the comptroller and the finance chair already being in affect, and

ACKNOWLEDGING the difficulty of some students in regards to their financial statements to serve in elected student officer roles, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Student Senate shall issue stipends to its four Student Body Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Graduate Affairs Officer as follows: President $5000, Vice President $2000, Secretary $2000, Graduate Affairs Officer $2000. These stipends will go into effect beginning in the 2019-2020 school year and will be paid out in monthly increments on the final day of the months of August, September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. These amounts will be reviewed and adjusted for inflation in the spring semester of every year ending in 5 and 0 and an initial review will be conducted in the spring semester of 2022. The Student Senate Advisor shall be the only one to have the ability to alter these amounts during the year. The Student Senate Advisor will have the ability to work with students and allocate their funding to best meet their financial position. If a new Student Body Officer succeeds to a vacated paid position, the new member’s stipend shall be paid according to a percentage of the maximum amount listed above, based on the amount of monthly payments remaining in the year at the time of the new officer’s swearing in. The funding for these stipends will come out of the semester budget process. Each individual Student Body Officer will have the option to abstain from payments if they believe it to be appropriate.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to add to the Student Senate By-Laws to reflect this change as follows: Added under Article IX, Section 6, F.

Respectfully Submitted,

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