



# Associated Students

Bill Number 22

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**Whereas:** The A.S. Senate is entrusted with the "power of the purse." Thus, the Senate should be entrusted with greater power in the budget process.

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**Whereas:** First, the A.S. President and Vice President should be relegated to an advisory role in the budget process, and the Finance Senator should be formally designated as Chief Executive Officer of the A.S. budget,

**Whereas:** Secondly, the Finance Senator shall create an ad hoc "Budget Preparation Committee" comprised of several Senators (the number of which shall be at the discretion of the Senate) for the purpose of preparing the A.S. budget (the President and Vice President shall serve in advisory capacities on this committee),

**Whereas:** Thirdly, the Finance Senator shall chair the Senate during the budget deliberation process, where the Budget Preparation Committee's proposed budget will be presented,

**Therefore:** Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve reasserting the Senate's authority over the entire budget process.

*Brenda Joseph*

A.S. Senate			
For: <u>6</u>	Against: <u>3</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>	Date: <u>5/2/17</u>

A.S. Executive Board			
For: <u>3</u>	Against: <u>2</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>	Date: <u>5/2/17</u>

A.S. President			
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Senate Authority over the Budget Process

Remove:

The A.S. PRESIDENT\* shall:

- **Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the A.S. Budget, assuring that the financial allocations are in the best interest of the students.** ✓

The A.S. VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- **Assist in constructing a PC recommendation for next year's A.S. budget** ✓

Add:

The A.S. PRESIDENT\* shall:

- **Serve as an advisory, non-voting member of the Budget Preparation Committee** ✓

The A.S. VICE PRESIDENT shall:

- **Serve as an advisory, non-voting member of the Budget Preparation Committee** ✓

The FINANCE SENATOR shall:

- Monitor all A.S. internal budget accounts (all accounts including A.S. operating accounts, A.S. personnel accounts, and any accounts assigned by the A.S. President)
- Work closely with the A.S. President of pertaining to all financial matters regarding internal budget accounts
- Be responsible for researching any questionable budget transactions
- Prepare an up to date balance sheet for all A.S. accounts and reconcile with the A.S. Secretary
- Distribute financial reports to Senators as needed, both orally and in writing, and notify Senate and the account advisor(s) if a discrepancy occurs. Expand/maintain the Mountie Discount Program
- **Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the A.S. Budget, assuring that the financial allocations are in the best interest of the students.**
- **Create and chair a Budget Preparation Committee comprised of several Senators (each year, the A.S. Senate will choose the participants and the number of members on this committee). The Budget Preparation Committee will prepare and present a budget blueprint for the A.S. Senate for deliberations.**
- **Chair the Senate during budget deliberations. The members of the Budget Preparation Committee will present the budget proposal.**