

75th Senate

Spring Session



S.B. 61A

Constitutional
Amendment

A Legislation To Enact Article XIII of the Associated Students' Constitution To Improve Financial And Governmental Stability Of Associated Students

A resolution, brought by **Senator MingJun Zha**, joined by **Senator Lankarani** to Enact Article XIII of the Associated Students' Constitution To Improve Financial And Governmental Stability Of Associated Students.

This legislation is recommended by the Senate Finance Committee to pass as written.

Whereas, ASUCSB is one of the most expensive Student Governments across the nation, with each student paying nearly \$800 a year if they attend summer session; and,

Whereas, with the current level of funding, the vast majority of Non-Lock-In fee BCUs remain underfunded, as reflected in the

[W Report On AS Longterm Financial Continuity.docx](#) , the Finance Committee is only able to recommend \$2.35 million of budget recommendation out of \$6.7 million budget request received; and,

Whereas, according to [AS STAFF BUDGET FORECAST FY26 - FY28.pdf](#) , the staff salary alone would be 5.7 million, far outweighing the \$3.8 million annual undesignated fee AS bringing in; and,

Whereas, though the AS Financial Operations Team has proposed a combination of strategies that include a raise of the AS base fee, partial allocation of staff salary to BCUs among others, these strategies would only sustain the current size of AS; and,

Whereas, the future Senate adds more and more boards, commissions, and units, the AS would be forced into the exact financial situation it faces today; and,

Whereas, there needs to be a mechanism that both allows the formation of new BCUs to allow them to demonstrate their ability to serve the student while containing the overall financial burden the AS places on the student body; and,

Whereas, the authors of the resolution believe that a balanced approach between the two goals would be to limit the Senate's authority of Non-Lock-In fee BCU creation to three school years and require reauthorization thereafter, and,

Whereas, within the three years after the Senate created a BCU, it shall be provided with an appropriate budget for its operation and prove its ability to serve students; and,

Whereas, the BCUs would also enjoy more certainty as the amendment would strip the Senate's ability to dissolve BCUs at will; and,

*Therefore, be it enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the following clauses will be created in the Associated Students' Constitution under **Article XIII—Formation and Reauthorization of BCU:***

ARTICLE XIII - FORMATION AND REAUTHORIZATION OF NON-LOCK-IN FEE BCU

SECTION 1. FORMATION OF NON-LOCK-IN FEE BCU

- A. The Senate may, by a two-thirds consent of its voting membership via a secret ballot, establish an Associated Student Board, Commission, and Units for no more than three school years.
- B. The BCU established through the method in clause A shall be provided with an appropriate budget for its operation and shall not be disbanded prior to the end of its authorization.

SECTION 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NON-LOCK-IN FEE BCU

- A. The Senate may, by a two-thirds consent of its voting membership via a secret ballot, reauthorize an existing Associated Student Board, Commission, and Units for no more than three school years.
- B. The BCU reauthorized through the method in clause A shall be provided with an appropriate budget for its operation and shall not be disbanded prior to the end of its authorization.
- C. The reauthorization of the existing board, commission, and units shall start in the 2029-2030 school year and be completed by the 2031-2032 school year.

SECTION 3. LOCK-IN FEE BCU

- A. Associated Students Board, Commission, and Units that receive a lock-in fee via the ballot affirmation process shall be exempt from all requirements in Article XIII.

Therefore, be it enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the following clauses will be amended in the Associated Students' Constitution following a

two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) affirmative vote with at least (20%) of the Associated Students' Membership voting.

Therefore, be it finally enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled,

Do you support enacting Article XIII of the ASUCSB Constitution to limit the Associated Students Senate's power to create a new non-lock-in fee BCU to three years, and mandate the Associated Students to provide an appropriate operational budget for the BCU established, and protection against dissolution, through the means in Article XIII?

A "YES" vote will enact Article XIII of the ASUCSB Constitution to limit the Associated Students Senate's power to create a new non-lock-in fee BCU to three years, and mandate the Associated Students to provide an appropriate operational budget for the BCU established, and protection against dissolution, through the means in Article XIII.

Lock-in fee BCUs will not be affected by this amendment.

A "NO" vote will maintain the current Constitution and will not enact Article XIII of the ASUCSB Constitution.

☐ Yes

☐ No