Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Bill. 17-18, 11* }

An Act to Fund United Muslim Relief

Introduced By: Senator Aspen Williams and considered this **27th** day of **February** in the Year **2018**

Sponsored By: President Kwame Alston of the Senior Class
Senator Fatima Bouftas of the Junior Class
President Anthony Boutros of the Sophomore Class

Referred to the senate by the **Committee on Civic Engagement** which recommends its **Passage** by a vote of 7 to 0 with 0 abstentions.

Referred to the senate by the **Committee on Finance** which recommends its **Passage** by a vote of **3** to **0** with **1** abstentions.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Borders Funding Bill."

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

a. SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
b. JHU, Hopkins — The terms "JHU" and "Hopkins" shall refer to the Johns Hopkins University.
c. UMR — The term "UMR" shall refer to the United Muslim Relief

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

1. FINDINGS
    a. Borders: End of the Year Banquet's mission is to raise awareness and advocacy for refugee crises around the globe. There are currently 65.6 million people who have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to wars, climate change and famine. The core mission of this event is to engage the Hopkins community with these crises both intellectually and empathically.
    b. The United Muslim Relief believes in the access to basic human rights and social services, particularly in areas of crises and conflict. The organization fundraises for relief and development programs and therefore, this event will have a fundraising component. Attendees are welcome to donate any amount to UMR's current fundraising efforts.
    c. The event will be hosted in the Great Hall, in Levering on April 15th 5pm to 8pm
    d. The first part of the event contains a panel of experts - a professor, a researcher and a social worker to talk about the issue and share their experiences.
    e. The second part of the event is consist of a Mediterranean dinner, catered by Zaater. Attendees will sit in round tables and engage in discussion on the refugee crisis and current refugee conditions. Attendees will then move on to discuss the specific crisis or country assigned to their table (information about that topic will be printed and set up at the table). This will facilitate a multidisciplinary approach within the discussion of humanitarian crises.
    f. The third part of the event will feature a final speaker who is a member of a refugee community who has resettled in Baltimore who will share his/her experiences, ending the event with a sense of social awareness and interaction.

g. The event is meant to bring together the entirety of the campus with widespread student group involvement and an accessible overarching purpose of education, collaboration and awareness. Related professors and student groups will be invited to attend, along with the event being open for any and all students. This will encourage bridges to be developed about faculty and peers around an issue so prevalent in our world today.

2. PURPOSES
    a. Costs for the entire event are estimated to be **$1,370**. These costs consist of:
        i. Catering: $570
            1. Baked chicken over rice ($179.99 / serves 20) x 3: $540
            2. Salad and dressing: $30
        ii. Speakers: $400
            1. Experts on global refugee crises and management, as well as a community liaison to create a panel and instigate discussion on humanitarian calamities
        iii. Decorations: $340
            1. Tablecloths for 8 tables: $96 ($12 per table)
            2. Centerpieces centered around specific refugee crisis: $240 ($30 per table)
        iv. Plates and Utensils: $60

SECTION 4. BORDERS: United Muslim Relief End of Year Banquet.

1. The SGA shall approve the following purchasing budget costs for the Banquet, adding up to a total of **$630.00**
    a. *Zaater* Catering and Additional Grocery: $570
    b. Plates and Utensils: $60

2. Marketing
    a. All publicity materials that is used to create exposure (social media, print, etc.) will note SGA co-sponsorship of the event.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance be held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Any money granted not used for any of the above purposes in supporting United Muslim Relief Funding Bill will be returned to the SGA Operations budget.

THE BILL HEREBY **PASSES** BY A VOTE OF **16** TO **0** WITH **0** ABSTENTIONS.

Upon passage, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Senate to be affixed to this bill indicating the Senate's assent and thus officially designated the bill's adoption as law.

Signatures of Enactment:

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AJ Tsang
President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Noh Mebrahtu
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Rushabh Doshi
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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Aspen Williams
Freshman Class Senator

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Kwame Alston
Senior Class President

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Fatima Bouftas
Junior Class Senator

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