**Amendment 26-1-A**

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**Title of Amendment**: The South Dakota State University Students' Association Amends Article VI, Section 2 of the Bylaws Titled Finance Committee.

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**WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of the SDSU Students' Association to update its policies in alignment with current practices; and

**WHEREAS** in the most up-to-date version of the SDSU Students' Association Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2 titled "Finance Committee", the procedure regarding executive team member participation is not in alignment with current practices; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to have the Students' Association President and Vice President serve on this committee to provide key insights and perspectives that might otherwise be missed; and

**WHEREAS** the terms "ex-officio" and "voting member" when referring to a position on the finance committee directly oppose each other; and

**WHEREAS** in past years, the President has acted as an ex-officio and the Vice President has acted as a voting member, as a result of common practice assumptions and a contradiction in the bylaws, therefore warranting an update to the current bylaws; and

**WHEREAS** the Vice President is an elected position that has a right to vote on the senate floor, and it would be counter intuitive to not allow them the right to vote on the Finance Committee; therefore

**BE IT AMENDED** that Article VI, Section 2 of the SDSU Students' Association Bylaws shall read as follows:

## Section 2. Finance Committee

1. Finance Committee shall consist of the following:
    a. Finance Chair
    b. A minimum of five corporation senators.

    c. Students' Association president ~~or vice president~~ as a ~~voting~~ ex-officio member.
    d. Students Association vice president as a voting member.
2. The Finance Committee shall annually draft and propose a Budgeting Philosophy to the Senate for Senate approval. The Finance Committee will reference this Budgeting Philosophy when allocating student dollars.
3. The Finance Committee shall review the General Activity Fee (GAF) Budget Guidelines at a minimum of every two years and present any edits to the Students' Association for adoption.
4. The corporation vice president and finance chair shall supervise applications and assign senators to serve on the Finance Committee.
    a. There shall be only one Finance Committee in order to ensure fairness and equality in all budget requests.
    b. In the event of a committee member resignation or removal, the Students' Association Vice President shall fill the vacancy within two weeks.
    c. Proxies will only be accepted based on the senator attendance rules in Article V, Section 3, subsection I, and an unapproved absence shall be considered an unexcused absence.
5. Information discussed in the Finance Committee, such as debate, shall remain confidential unless noted in the minutes summary shared with the Senate. Rationale may be available at Senate hearings or upon request from the Finance Chair. Breach of confidentiality may be grounds for removal as outlined in Article V, Section 3, subsection H.