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Student Organization Committee Report to the Assembly

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Dear colleague,

I hope this report finds you well. I'm pleased to deliver the Student Organization Committee report.

Much has happened in the past week. As you're likely well aware, several articles in the news have outlined the unfortunate situation that student leaders face without funding to start the year. I have already heard words of concern from many friends and alumni.

In addition, the administration has agreed to assist us with funding student organizations until CSG adopts a budget and begins its normal student organization funding. I'm grateful they responded to the request of my fellow members of the leadership and me. It's not an ideal situation---CSG should have long ago passed a budget and began funding---but it's necessary to get organizations the support they need (including paying for summer activities that had to be funded somehow).

The existing SOC team is ready to immediately begin funding, whether that's through the temporary mechanism or through the enactment of a normal budget enactment. We have a list of student organization leaders who we'll notify when we have funding, and we'll post it on our website and our usual channels of communication, and try and get waves scheduled as soon as possible, including a potential special wave to distribute funds to student organizations who had expenses over summer that never got reimbursed due to the lack of funding.

Speaking of the budget, I'm very happy with the Chair of the Finance Committee's proposal to fund the SOC at \$400,000. This is an appropriate amount given the lack of funding over summer and fits within the context of the rest of CSG's needs, and will go a long way towards showing student organizations that we do care about their needs. I urge my colleagues to pass this budget and ensure it is enacted, whatever it takes to do that.

As always, I am here if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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