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SENATE BILL 2024-10

Sponsored by Senator Daylee Dey

On behalf of the UNK Student Government...

- I. The purpose of this bill is to create a new program through which the UNK Student Government can provide funds for student organizations. The support of student organizations, especially new organizations, serves the interests of UNK Student Government in that student organizations contribute to campus culture and create opportunities for students to build relationships and experience, and funding these organizations aids the students establishing and contributing to these organizations. Additionally, this funding can aid new student organizations that may be struggling financially, as smaller/new organizations may lack the membership or fiscal support necessary to be self-reliant.
- II. The title of this bill will be the “Student Organization Investment Act”, and the name of the program established by this bill will be the “Student Organization Investment Fund”.
- III. A student organization must meet the following criteria to qualify for funding:
 - a. The student organization must be recognized by the UNK Student Government following the processes and requirements of the Selections and Constitutional Review Committee, as described in the Senate Bylaws (Article 7 Section 3), with senate approval of their constitution.
 - b. Special preference will be given to new student organizations, or Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) within their first three years of existence.
- IV. Following an application process and an interview by a member(s) of the Executive branch, the senate will hear the request from either a representative of the organization or from the Secretary of Organizations and Affairs, after which a vote will occur approving or denying the request.
- V. \$5,000 from the UNK Student Government Budget shall be set aside to fund the program for the 2024-2025 session.
 - a. Additional money can be pulled from the budget with proper demand. The treasurer may recommend to the Senate that more funds be relocated to the fund, and an additional amount will be voted upon by the Senate in the form of a bill.
- VI. The maximum amount that a qualifying RSO can apply for is \$500.
 - a. In the event that a student organization accepts money from the Student Organization Investment Fund, that does not bar the student organization from applying for additional funds through UPFF, holding that said organization qualifies under the UPFF and Student Programming Board requirements.
- VII. The Executive Branch will be responsible for transferring approved funds.

- a. To ensure financial responsibility with Student Government funds, funding will be transferred to the RSO through their required faculty advisor.
 - b. Funds must only be used for operational purposes and business of the RSO, including activities related but not limited to recruitment, hosting of campus events, purchasing of necessary equipment/materials, and tabling supplies.
- VIII. Additional funding of student organizations can be achieved through separate legislation passed by the Senate and signed by the President. This funding is available to any RSO, no matter the age, though the creation of a program provides structure to the budget and creates an accessible option for qualifying RSOs.
- IX. All unused funds will be transferred out of the fund by April 1, 2025, whereupon the unused funds can be used for other Student Government purposes.