

Assembly Resolution 09

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The Government Operations Committee

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THE ABOR SHARED GOVERNANCE PROTECTION AND TRANSPARENCY RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) has received proposed revisions to Policies 5-202¹ and 5-203² that fundamentally alter the distinct classification of student governments by reclassifying them as “associated student organizations,” while broadening the unaccountable veto authority to lower level university designees over student fee funding and governing documents;


NOTING THAT, the administration of student fees should be conducted in a viewpoint neutral perspective, allowing a university designee to unilaterally alter a budget line or reject an amendment without a formal justification risks inconsistent policy application across State Universities;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, establishing a baseline of accountability through a transparency amendment, requiring a written explanation citing specific ABOR policy or state law and the benefit to students for any administrative veto protects both the student body from arbitrary oversight and the university from legal liability;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Graduate Student Government opposes the decentralization of veto power without a defined transparency requirement, and requests the Arizona Board of Regents adopt amendment language requiring the university president or their designee to

¹  Proposed 5-202 Associated Student Organizations.pdf

²  Proposed 5-203 Funds for Associated Student Organizations.pdf

 Transparency Language

provide a formal, timely written policy-based justification whenever a veto is used to alter or reject an action of the student government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Graduate Student Government requests that the revised policy should utilize a distinct term such as “Associated Student Government” or “Representative Student Body” rather than “associated student organization,” to preserve the statutory distinction between a mandatory-fee-funded governing body and regular, opt-in student clubs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Assembly directs the Parliamentarian and Government Operations Committee to represent these concerns with the Arizona Board of Regents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in the interest of shared governance and transparency, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the following entities,

- ❖ The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), *care of the Executive Director*
- ❖ The Student Regents, *Arizona Board of Regents*
- ❖ The Undergraduate Student Governments of ASU
- ❖ The Student Governments of the University of Arizona (UofA), Northern Arizona University (NAU)
- ❖ The State Press