



**General Assembly
Towson University
Student Government Association
February 20, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Student Government Association of Towson University will meet, FEBRUARY 2024, commencing at 5:00 p.m. at Towson University.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Fight Song
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
- V. Amendments to the Agenda
- VI. Guest Speaker(s):
- VII. Public Participation/Student Concerns:
This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Student Government Association on issues not already appearing on the agenda. A limit of 2 minutes per speaker and 20 minutes per topic shall be enforced, unless otherwise specified by the chair.
- VIII. Communications:
 - a. Advisor's Remarks
 - b. Appropriations Committee
 - c. Government Operations Committee
 - d. Rules Committee
 - e. President
 - f. Treasurer
 - g. Attorney General
 - h. Chief of Staff
 - i. Department of Academic Affairs
 - j. Department of Campus Activities
 - k. Department of Civic Engagement
 - l. Department of Communications
 - m. Department of Community Outreach
 - n. Department of Diversity & Inclusion
 - o. Department of Health & Wellness
 - p. Department of Legislative Affairs
 - q. Department of Special Projects
 - r. Department of Marketing
 - s. Department of Student Services and Affairs
 - t. Department of Student Organizations
 - u. Department of New Student Development

- v. Towson University North Eastern Representative
- w. Maryland Higher Education Council Representative
- x. Military and Veterans Representative
- y. Athletic Affairs Representative
- z. Disability Representative
- aa. International Students Representative
- bb. Greek Life Representative
- cc. University Residence Government Representative
- dd. First Generation/Low Income Representative
- ee. Sports Club Council Representative
- ff. Transfer Student Representative
- gg. Freshman Council Representative
- hh. Chair, Vice President Bell II
- IX. Opinions of the Court
- X. Quorum Call
- XI. Confirmations:
- XII. Unfinished Business (Second Reading of Legislation):
 - A. Senate Bill #12 – Undergraduate Student Fund
- XIII. New Business (First Reading of Legislation):
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Adjournment

Additional information and available background material regarding any item on the agenda may be obtained by contacting the SGA Office at (410) 704-2711 prior to the meeting.

Regular meetings of the Student Government Association are open, and minutes are recorded as required per the constitution and bylaws.

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Senate Bill #12

IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF TOWSON UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024,
A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
RESEARCH FUND EXCLUSIVELY DEDICATED TO AIDING STUDENT
RESEARCH PROJECTS CONDUCTED ON CAMPUS.

INTRODUCED ON: February 13, 2024

INTRODUCED BY: President Pro-Tempore Rhynes

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

SENATE ACTION:

ENACT UPON APPROVAL.

Jordan A. Colquitt, President – Student Government Association

Amendment to the Financial Policy

Article VI ALTERNATIVE FUNDING

All grants are reviewed by the Grant Review Committee

Section One- Just Do It Grant

- A. The purpose of the Just Do It Grant is to supplement new, innovative ideas, and empower individuals to positively change Towson University's campus.
- B. All fee-paying undergraduates enrolled at Towson University are eligible to apply for the grant. Access to the fund is limited to one time per student or student organization per semester. Any additional application to the fund is up to the discretion of the Grant Review Committee, which is comprised of the SGA Treasurer, Director of Student Organizations, Attorney General, and Senate Leadership. The committee will deem grants reviewable if they are submitted at least four weeks prior to the event, program, or initiative.

Section Two- Collaboration Fund

- A. The purpose of the Collaboration Fund is to encourage collaboration between student organizations with different objectives.
- B. Access to this fund will be granted to two collaborating student organizations, one of which must be a Tiger Stripes package 1, 2, 3 or 4. Greek Chapters and Honor
- C. Societies may apply for this grant if they are collaborating with a Tiger Stripes Package 1, 2, 3 or 4 student organization. All fee-paying undergraduates enrolled at Towson University are eligible to apply for the grant.
- D. Access to the fund is limited to three times per student organization per semester. If a group chooses to use more than one collaboration fund in the same semester, it must be with a different organization. Any additional application to the fund is up to the discretion of the Grant Review Committee, which is comprised of the SGA Treasurer, Director of Student Organizations, Attorney General, and Senate Leadership. The committee will deem grants reviewable if they are submitted at least four weeks prior to the event/program/initiative.

Section Three- Weekend Retention Fund

- A. The purpose of the Weekend Retention Fund is to provide student organizations with the chance to host events on a Friday after 5:00 pm and the entirety of Saturday or Sunday.
- B. With the objective of keeping students on campus for the weekend.
- C. Access to this fund is limited to one event per group per semester. This event must be free for all members of the TU community and not for the student group unless funds are given to a charity.
- D. For the event, food cost should not exceed 25% of the total funding request and all program/event/initiative advertising should include “Co-sponsored by the Weekend Retention Fund.”

Section Four- Explore Conference Fund

- A. The purpose of the Explore Conference Fund is to provide individual students who have been accepted/registered to present/speak at a conference or expo.
- B. Access to this fund is limited to one conference per semester. Students must fulfill the following requirements before applying for this fund;
 - a. Undergraduate student
 - b. 2.5 Cumulative GPA
- C. Students must provide the following to apply for this grant;
 - a. Letter of recommendation from a faculty/staff member or employer on official letterhead from their institution or organization.
 - b. One-page proposal explaining the purpose of the conference and how Towson University could benefit from the information provided
 - c. Research on the conference hosts and/or sponsors, including any fees associated.
- D. For the conference, students are held accountable to all maximums placed on student organizations for travel;
 - a. Up to \$600 towards a conference registration fee
 - b. Hotel stay of 3 nights, single room. The conference must be more than 20 miles away from Towson’s campus to qualify. The SGA will fund the per diem rates for the hotel in that area.
 - c. Gas reimbursement per the current state rate
 - d. The SGA will cover expenses for other modes of travel, such as air, train, bus, etc.,if research is included and is a reasonable distance from Towson as determined with Senate Discretion.
 - e. behavioral contracts
- E. After the conference, the student is required to complete and submit a detailed evaluation (at least one page), no later than a week after the conference. Failure to submit an evaluation can result in a reclamation of funds.

Section Five- Undergraduate Research Fund

- A. The purpose of the Undergraduate Research Fund is to provide financial support for undergraduate research projects conducted through Towson University.
- B. Access to this fund is limited to research projects conducted by undergraduate students at Towson University. The Student Government Association will provide the funding upon request.

C. Students must complete the following to apply for this grant:

- a. Submit a letter to the Grant Review Committee providing a detailed description about the research projects
- b. Have the letter signed by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry

WHEREAS, Towson University already has an Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry in place that aims to foster and strengthen the culture of undergraduate scholarly inquiry.

WHEREAS, investing in undergraduate research contributes to the advancement of knowledge and the development of future leaders in various fields.

WHEREAS, providing financial support for undergraduate research projects encourages exploration, discovery, and scholarly pursuits.

WHEREAS, establishing a dedicated fund for undergraduate research ensures equitable access to resources for students across disciplines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate approves the creation and implementation of the Undergraduate Research Fund at Tow

SIGNATURE

Senate Pro Tempore
Edmund Rhynes

Date