



**University of Illinois Springfield**  
**Student Government Association Resolution 047**

*Reforming Stipends*

Resolution Sponsor: Trustee Hoffman

*WHEREAS*, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to allocate a financially responsible budget and use these funds in an appropriate manner;

*WHEREAS*, the President, Internal Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary all receive stipends totaling \$2,750;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, all stipends be removed unless a student can show through the Office of Financial Assistance that they have financial need. If a student can show through a signed application produced by SGA and authorized by the Office of Financial Assistance that they have financial need, they shall receive a stipend at the end of their term. Financial need in the case of SGA stipends shall be defined as having Pell Grant eligibility;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a maximum budget of one-thousand two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250) be spent on stipends.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, due to complications with international students and their eligibility in filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), international students are deemed automatically eligible for SGA stipends.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Student Government make the following addition to the current bylaws under Article VII:

**Section 1. Funds for stipends to SGA members will be paid from the amount allocated to the SGA from the Student Life budget.**

**Section 2. Stipends are to only be awarded to financially needy students as defined by Pell Grant eligibility which shall be determined by the Office of Financial Assistance.**

**Section 3. Due to complications with international students and their eligibility in filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and determining their financial need, international students who hold the below eligible positions are deemed automatically eligible for SGA stipends.**

**Section 3. The President, Internal Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions will be eligible for a stipend.**

**Section 4. The President's stipend will be in the amount of \$500 while the Internal Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary stipends will be in the amount of \$250.**

**Section 5. The Trustee, External Vice President, and Parliamentarian are not eligible to receive stipends.**

**Section 6. Senators are not eligible to receive stipends.**

**Section 7. All officers receiving stipends will be paid at the end of the year, which are subject to removal from office as outlined in Article IX.**

**Section 8. A request for a stipend must be submitted to the President or Treasurer by the first week of the spring semester. Applications will not be accepted after the end of this week.**

**Section 8. Any change in stipends will not take effect until the beginning of the next academic year after approval from the SGA.**

**Section 9. Any unused stipends shall be absorbed back into the SGA's budget.**

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*Secretary E. Hartney*

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*President A. Mehmet*