

**A Bill To Amend the Code of George Mason Student Government.  
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**IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF  
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
March 28th, 2012**

Submitted by Chairman Nick Guerin, Senator Miles

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*Be it enacted by the Student Senate of George Mason University,*

That if passed by the Student Senate of George Mason University the following changes to the Code of Student Governance will take place immediately.

The proposed changes are as follows:

**§ 102.1 Budgeting**

- ~~(1) By the first meeting in September of the Student Senate, the President will present a fiscal year budget resolution divided into two categories nondiscretionary and discretionary. Nondiscretionary spending will be comprised of spending for recurring annual Student Government events. The resolution will be referred to the Finance Committee.~~
- ~~(2) The Finance Committee will review the budget resolution and allot a dollar amount for each item of nondiscretionary spending based on the cost of each item the previous year. The costs of the items may be indexed for inflation of up to 3% per year. Indexing is up to the discretion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Speaker.~~
- ~~(3) After the Senate has approved the resolution, it shall be in order to submit a bill appropriating nondiscretionary funds for first reading. When the Finance Committee considers this bill, each committee may submit a request for additional funding for a particular event that they oversee. This bill shall include line items unless extenuating circumstances prohibit the foresight of them.~~
- ~~(4) By the second meeting of the second session of the Student Senate, it shall be in order to submit a bill amending the amount of appropriated nondiscretionary funds for events in the Spring Semester for first reading.~~
- ~~(5) Each session will be divided into 3 four week periods. In each period of the two sessions, at least 15% of remaining discretionary funds must be spent until such time that all but 25% of discretionary funds have been allocated. All spending requests must be proposed prior to the~~

~~beginning of the four week period. Each fiscal year is to be divided into 4 seven-week quarters. Each quarter will be appropriated 25% of the year's budget, with remaining unspent funds in each quarter rolling over into the following quarter.~~

(6) ~~Prior to the final four week period of the session, the Finance Committee must submit a report to the full Senate budgeting out the remaining discretionary funds. Before the beginning of each quarter, the Finance Committee must submit a report to the full Senate outlining the current state of the budget.~~

(7) 25% of discretionary funds will be left unallocated for miscellaneous purposes or emergency spending.

Passed the Student Senate

Attest:

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Speaker: Thomas Lee

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Clerk: Elisabeth Baires

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President: Allyson Bowers