Bill #15-09

ASI Bylaws Amendment – Endorsement from the ASI Board of Directors

Article I. Origin
This Bill is presented in accordance with the ASI Bylaws by Seth Borges, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Article II. Purpose
The purpose of Bill #15-09 is to implement a new avenue to express the opinion of the ASI Board of Directors. An Endorsement is intended to be limited to an opinion on simple matters, and allows for an expedited process for a person or entity to obtain the ASI Board of Directors’ approval without having to go through the Resolution process. An Endorsement is the opinion of the ASI Board of Directors on a detailed written concept, and is void if the concept changes.

Article III. Background
Historically, the ASI Board of Directors has used Resolutions to formally express opinion on all matters. This process has proven arduous due to the many steps and the amount of time needed to research, vet through Internal Review, and, ultimately, take an opinion at a Board of Directors meeting. To outside entities this may look like a daunting and drawn out practice. This Bill was written to make the ASI Board of Directors more approachable and provide a timely opinion on simple concepts. The Resolution will continue to be used as a formal expression of opinion, will, or intent on behalf of students, on complex matters.

Article IV. Implementation
Amend 5.1.2. as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

5.1.2. Conduct of Business. All formal items of business (those not arising of an incidental nature or otherwise stated in the Bylaws) shall be introduced as a Bill, Resolution, or Endorsement. A Bill, if passed, shall become official policy of the Corporation. A Resolution, if passed, is a formal expression of opinion, will, or intent of the Board of Directors, and is advisory in nature. An Endorsement, if passed, is an opinion of the Board of Directors based on a simple matter submitted by a person or entity in a detailed written concept.
CERTIFIED As the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this ____ day of ____, 2015.

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ASI Secretary

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ASI Executive Director

Sponsored by: Seth Borges, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by majority/unanimous vote on ________________, 2015.

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ASI Chair of the Board