Bylaw D  
2015-2016 
Amend ASUN Bylaws and Special Rules: Green Fund 

WHEREAS, the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) was created with the responsibility to increase student input on environmental issues throughout UNL’s campus; and,

WHEREAS, the ESC has completed extensive research on Green Funds at Big Ten and other peer institutions and found a Green Fund to be effective in enabling students to leverage their fees in enhancing student engagement in environmental sustainability and stewardship on campus; and,

WHEREAS, the ASUN placed a question on the March 2015 ballot stating “The creation of a UNL Student Green Fund would support activities aimed at reducing the University’s and its students’ environmental impact, and saving students’ money supported by a one time student fee increase of up to $2 per semester, administered by an independent committee of students and faculty, and allocated through a grant application and review process. Do you support the proposed fee increase for the creation of a UNL Student Green Fund?  Yes  No” and the Green Fund received seventy-eight percent (78%) approval from voting students; and,

WHEREAS, Bylaw D was produced through a semester long process of engaging with various student stakeholders and University officials; and,

WHEREAS, Bylaw D is created with the purpose statement of: “The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Green Fund provides grant funds for student-led projects directed toward improving overall environmental sustainability on the university campus. The fund and its grant reviewing committee empowers students and enables student-driven projects in sustainability by providing a source of funding, guidance, hands-on experience and networking.”; and,

WHEREAS, Bylaw D creates a Green Fund Selection Committee (GFSC) responsible for administering the Green Fund under the stipulations provided by Bylaw D, which includes but is not limited to, providing the power for the ASUN Senate to override decisions it finds incongruent with the mission of the GFSC and ASUN; and,

WHEREAS, Bylaw D requires the GFSC to be composed of elected and appointed members; and,
WHEREAS, requiring three (3) elected members for the first year of operation would be irrational given the rapidly approaching election filing date and need for a new version of electoral rules; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed bylaw amendment requires an increase in the ASUN fee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that Bylaw D be amended to the current ASUN bylaws under “Part V – The Green Fund” to follow “Part IV – General Provisions” and precede “Special Rules”; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that for the first year of the GFSC’s operation, it shall be composed of five (5) appointed members rather than three (3) elected and two (2) appointed to provide for the approval of currently proposed electoral rules and more appropriate preparation of new electoral rules to include GFSC elected members; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY ENACTED, that Bylaw D shall only be amended to the ASUN Bylaws contingent on the Committee for Fee Allocations (CFA) and ASUN Senate approval of an increase in the ASUN fee for the purpose of the Green Fund.

SUBMITTED BY Student Services Committee DATE 1-13-16

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PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE (s) Pres. T. Chau DATE 1-28-16