

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

of

LOYOLA CHICAGO

MEASURE OF THE SENATE

Support for the Rollover of FY21 SAF Funds to FY22 Resolution

To encourage the Division of Student Development to roll over leftover SAF Funds from FY21 to FY22.

03/30/2021 Date Introduced to the Senate

04/06/2021 Date Passed Senate

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to be filed by the Chief Operations Officer of the Senate

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to be filed by the Chief Justice



Date: 04/10/2021

Signed by the President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago



Date: 04/12/2021

Signed by the Chief Justice of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago

Chiefly Sponsored By:

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Senator Jacob Palmer

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Resolution to Support the Rollover of FY21 SAF Funds to FY22

To provide student support to SAGA in their advocacy and to encourage the Division of Student Development to roll over leftover SAF Funds from FY21 to FY22.

- ¹Whereas, The Divisional Vision of the Division of Student Development states,
*“We provide and inspire involvement in a wide range of co-curricular pursuits that support the academic mission and that mirror the values of the core curriculum,”*¹ and
- ²Whereas, The Divisional Mission of the Division of Student Development States,
*“The Division of Student Development supports the university’s mission by offering programs and initiatives that aspire to provide leadership, support and service to students as they experience the personal transformations of a Jesuit education,”*² and
- ³Whereas, The Division of Student Development is responsible for the funding of the Student Activities Fund, hereafter referred to as the SAF³, and
- ⁴Whereas, According to the Articles of Governance for the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as the SGLC:
*“The Allocations Committee shall hear Student Activities Fund requests from Registered Student Organizations. The Allocations Committee will then determine whether to fund the Student Organization and inform the office of Student Activities and Greek Affairs of its decision,”*⁴ and
- ⁵Whereas, According to the budget records of the SGLC, the Division of Student Development has allocated \$490,000 annually to the SAF from FY12 to FY21 with an exception in FY14, when \$472,850 was allocated⁵, and
- ⁶Whereas, Between FY12-FY19, a total of \$3,902,850 was allocated to the SAF by the Division of Student Development⁶,and
- ⁷Whereas, According to the records of the Allocations Committee, between FY12 and FY19, \$7,147,249.29 was requested from the SAF⁷,and

¹ [Division of Student Development: Vision and Mission](#)

² [Division of Student Development: Vision and Mission](#)

³ [SGLC Articles of Governance 2020-21](#)

⁴ [SGLC Articles of Governance 2020-2021](#)

⁵ [SGLC Budget FY14](#)

⁶ [SGLC Budget FY14](#), [SGLC Budget FY19](#)

⁷ [Event Request Mastersheet, FY12-FY19](#)

- ⁸Whereas,** According to the records of the Allocations Committee, between FY12 and FY19, \$3,751,215.07 was allocated from the SAF⁸, and
- ¹²Whereas,** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Allocations Committee published policy in accordance with the University that prohibited in-person events during FY21⁹, and
- ⁹Whereas,** In FY21, a total of \$348,584.87 was requested from the SAF¹⁰, and
- ¹⁰Whereas,** In FY21, a total of \$60,795.56 was allocated from the SAF, leaving a total of \$429,204.44 in the SAF¹¹, and
- ¹¹Whereas,** The President and Provost of Loyola University Chicago released a joint statement on March 9th, 2021, stating:
- “Given the progress made on vaccinations and significantly lower [COVID-19] infection rates during the past several weeks, we expect that these positive trends will continue. Therefore, we anticipate that normal operations, including in-person instruction, will fully resume,”*¹² and
- ¹²Whereas,** The Allocations Committee, in accordance with the Office of Student Activities and Greek affairs, hereafter referred to as SAGA, and the Division of Student Development, has published updated policies allowing for limited in-person events for FY22¹³, and
- ¹³Whereas,** Allowing an increased amount of in-person events will likely cause a rise in requests for SAF Funds in FY22, and
- ¹³Whereas,** Considering the Allocations Committee has only been able to fund 52.48% of all SAF requests between FY12-19, with a larger SAF, the Allocations Committee will be able to fund a higher percentage of event requests, and
- ¹⁴Whereas,** The Mission of the SGLC states,
- “We commit wholeheartedly to voice the concerns of the student body, to act as an instrument for the cooperation of students, faculty and administration, to provide an open forum for dialogue,*

⁸ [Event Request Mastersheet, FY12-FY19](#)

⁹ [FY21 Allocations Policy Changes](#)

¹⁰ [Fall 2020 SBR Mastersheet, Fall 2020 SPOT 1 Mastersheet, Fall 2020 SPOT 2 Mastersheet, Spring 2021 SBR Mastersheet, Spring 2021 SPOT 1 Mastersheet, Fall 2021 SPOT 2 Mastersheet](#)

¹¹ [Spring 2021 SPOT 2 Mastersheet](#)

¹² [Fall Semester 2021 Reopening Plans for In-Person Classes and Residence Halls](#)

¹³ [Fall 2021 Allocations Policy Changes](#)

and to be a voice for student opinions concerning the traditions, ideas, and affairs of the University. We shall do so in order to afford all undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in the management of their own affairs,”¹⁴ and

¹⁵Whereas, According to study titled “Involvement Matters: The Impact of Involvement in Student Clubs and Organization on Student Retention and Persistence at Urban Community Colleges,”

“Research conducted at both four-year colleges (Fischer, 2007; Harper & Quaye, 2007) and two-year residential colleges (Bailey & Alfonso, 2005; Songer, 2011) indicated that students who join student organizations and clubs, or intermingle with faculty outside the classroom, have higher retention and persistence rates,”¹⁵ and

¹⁶Whereas, Temporarily expanding SAF funding for FY22 by using leftover FY21 SAF funds will increase student events on campus, thereby engaging students more directly and contributing to the retention of the University, and

¹⁷Whereas, The Allocations Committee delivered a petition to Registered Student Organizations, hereafter referred to as RSOs, regarding a temporary increase in SAF Funds for FY22¹⁶, and

¹⁸Whereas, The Petition to Temporarily Increase SAF Funding for FY22, hereafter referred to as The SAF petition, received signatures from 52 of Loyola’s RSOs¹⁷, and

¹⁸Whereas, Comments from The SAF Petition include the following, from Psi Chi:

“Since so many RSOs were not able to use any funds for the 2020-2021 academic year, leftover SAF funds should roll over, providing RSOs the opportunity to host events to safely bring community members together again,”¹⁸ and

¹⁹Whereas, Comments from The SAF Petition include the following, from The LUC Swing Dancing Club:

¹⁴ [SGLC Articles of Governance 2020-2021](#)

¹⁵ [Involvement Matters: The Impact of Involvement in Student Clubs and Organization on Student Retention and Persistence at Urban Community Colleges](#)

¹⁶ [SAF Petition- Google Form](#)

¹⁷ [SAF Petition Responses](#)

¹⁸ [SAF Petition Responses](#)

*“This would be a wonderful way to advocate for student organizations and build the social and community aspects of student life that were so lacking with all virtual events in this past academic year,”*¹⁹ and

²⁰Whereas, Comments from The SAF Petition include the following, from The Chardin Anthropological Society:

*“We believe that it is critical to rollover funds in support of increasing student engagement on campus next year, and because these funds were specifically allocated for student organizational use,”*²⁰ and

²¹Whereas, Comments from The SAF Petition include the following, from Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.:

*“The funding provided through the Student Activity Fund (SAF) is integral to programming provided by us and fellow RSOs. We believe it will be beneficial for [them] and [the] greater Loyola community if there is increased programing as it can help [them] create programing to showcase the diversity, beauty, and hard work of Loyola's students and RSOs,”*²¹ and

²²Whereas, The SAF Petition has received this statement of endorsement from the Campus Activities Network, hereafter referred to as CAN: “The CAN Executive Board fully supports the rollover of SAF Funds for the 2021-2022 academic year.”²²

¹Be It Resolved, The SGLC, in partnership with CAN and 52 RSOs, supports the advocacy of SAGA to roll the leftover \$429,204.44 SAF Fund from FY21 to FY22, to be distributed by the Allocations Committee through SAF processes, and

²Be It Resolved, The SGLC, in partnership with CAN and 52 RSOs, encourages the Division of Student Development to roll the leftover \$429,204.44 SAF Fund from FY21 to FY22, to be distributed by the Allocations Committee through SAF processes.

¹⁹ [SAF Petition Responses](#)

²⁰ [SAF Petition Responses](#)

²¹ [SAF Petition Responses](#)

²² [CAN Endorsement](#)