SPRING SENATE TERM

SENATE RESOLUTION 22-178

SENATE PAY RESOLUTION

IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND, on Day Fourteenth of April in the year two thousand and twenty two, Senator Kloepfer INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound Student Senate Body is vested with the authority to be the voice for the student body; and,

WHEREAS, Student Body Senators receive no stipend or benefit for their service to the student body government; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislative Branch has long debated the advantages and limitations of proving a stipend or benefit for their members; and,

WHEREAS, other Legislative Branches within the university structure receive forms of stipend or benefits: eligible Staff Senators record service hours as paid hours and Faculty Senators complete contractually required service assignments by participating in their governance structure; and,

WHEREAS, other institutions of higher education provide stipend or benefit for Student Body Senators for their service; and,

WHEREAS, an investigation is needed to conclude an ethical and equitable stipend or benefit statutes of University of Puget Sound Student Body Senators;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this day, Day Fourteenth of April in the year two thousand and twenty two, the Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound Student Body Senate charges the Student Leader Review Committee to convene regularly during the Fall of 2022 to define an appropriate stipend or benefit plan for each senate position to uphold internal equity, and develop a recommendation to be put to a vote by this body on the Twenty Eighth of January in the year two thousand twenty three; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the Student Leader Review Committee recommendation seeks to provide a stipend or benefit to Student Body Senators of any amount exceeding
USD$0.00, this body requires the serving senators during the Spring of 2023 to motion to defer a vote on the Student Leader Review Committee recommendation to the full Student Body during the next General Election; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** if Student Body Senator stipend or benefit exceeds USD$0.00 is affirmed by the Student Body, the Student Leader Review Committee must convene each Spring to reevaluate the stipend or benefit recommendation of Student Body Senators; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** if Student Body Senator stipend or benefit exceeds USD$0.00 is affirmed by the Student Body, the stipend or benefit recommendation for senators must be paid in at least two installments when the Senate is in session,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** to maintain full transparency and trust of the student constituency, Student Body Senator stipend or benefit must be reviewed by the Student Leader Review Committee on a yearly basis, and any increase of stipend or benefit to exceed the amount of the previous term must be put to a vote of the Student Body during a General Election; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Student Leadership Review Committee shall address any termination or withholding of Senator’s stipend or benefit should it exceed USD$0.00, and stipulate an appeal process in the Student Leadership Review Committee’s recommendations to the Senate in the fall of 2022.

Signed:  

Grace Stensland  
Senate Chair

Attest:  

Jordyn Linkenback  
Senate Secretary