Winthrop University Council of Student Leaders  
2005-2006

Introduced by Willie Lyles, III

A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT WOULD BE ASSIGNED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the mission of the South Carolina State Student Association (SCSSA) is to advance the quality of education in our state, to promote the co-curricular interest and develop cooperation among member institutions of higher education, and to serve as advocates of the students of higher education in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, SCSSA was founded in October 2004 and consists of 11 member institutions representing over 65,000 students; and

WHEREAS, in its short history, SCSSA has quickly become a positive force for students in South Carolina, increasing communication amongst its member institutions, building relationships with national, statewide and campus decision-makers, and advocating in the student interest; and

WHEREAS, this spring, SCSSA has been a vocal advocate against Governor Sanford’s Tuition Cap proposal, generating multiple media stories in state and regional news outlets as well as conducting a face to face meeting with the Governor; and

WHEREAS, SCSSA’s other major initiative this semester is institutionalizing a funding base; and

WHEREAS, institutionalized, consistent funding will allow SCSSA to greatly enlarge its program by, among other things, hiring full-time professional staff; and

WHEREAS, in doing so, SCSSA will join the ranks of other independent State Student Associations across the country with proud histories of training student leaders and winning victories for students; and

WHEREAS, as a student organization, it is critical that SCSSA is both student-funded and student-directed; and

WHEREAS, over the following year, SCSSA member schools are pursuing a one dollar per student per semester student fee in order to provide SCSSA with the resources necessary to become a stable and permanent organization working for the students and state of South Carolina; and
WHEREAS, recognizing that institutionalizing such
a funding structure takes time, SCSSA member schools are
also seeking interim funding for the 2006-2007 school year;
NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Student Leaders

THAT the Council of Student Leaders at Winthrop
University supports SCSSA in its effort to institutionalize
a funding system and become a permanent and stable advocate
for students in South Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of
Student Leaders at Winthrop University request $9,234.00 in
additional funding that will be used to support the
educational/training function of the South Carolina State
Student Association for the 2006-2007 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage copies
of this resolution are to be sent to The Johnsonian and
Roddy McMillian Record; the President of Winthrop
University; the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University;
Vice President of Student Life of Winthrop University.

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Willie Lyles, III, Chair, Council of Student Leaders

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Date