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1 S.A. Resolution #2
2 Ensuring Applicant Accessibility to SAFC Guidelines

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution amends the SAFC Charter to help lower-tier organizations receive
5 funding by incentivizing their attendance at a “Help Session.”

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7 **Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman ‘18**

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9 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly is charged with effectively voicing the concerns of the
10 undergraduate student body; and

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12 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly is tasked with overseeing the Student Activities Funding
13 Commission (SAFC) and approving amendments to the Charter thereof, from time to time,
14 as the public interest requires it; and

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16 **Whereas**, it is in the interest of the undergraduate student body to ensure that as many register
17 organizations as possible are able to secure funding from the SAFC; and

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19 **Whereas**, ensuring accessibility for all undergraduate students is a priority of the 2017-2018 Student
20 Assembly; and

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22 **Whereas**, having a member of SAFC-funded organization attend a “Help Session” offered by the
23 Student Activities Funding Commission reduces the chance that lower-tiered organization
24 will make a technical mistake and not receive funding; then

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26 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly amends the Bylaws of the SAFC to include the
27 following amendment in Appendix A: Funding Guidelines:

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29 **2.1.2. Help Sessions**

30 All organizations that are, at the time of their application, assigned Tier 4, Tier 5, Tier 6, or
31 New Group (Tier 7) must demonstrate that the Treasurer, President, or Advisor attended at
32 least one of the help sessions at a pre-announced date. If the Treasurer, President, or
33 Advisor is unable to attend any of the help sessions, they may designate another member of
34 the organization to attend a help session on their behalf.

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36 Organizations that do not meet the above requirement forfeit their right to demand a SAFC
37 Appeals Board Hearing, but may be granted such a hearing at the discretion of the Chair of
38 the SAFC Appeals Board for truly exceptional circumstances. The affected organization will
39 still retain the right to a budget hearing.

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41 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly amends the Bylaws of the SAFC to include the
42 following amendment in Appendix A: Funding Guidelines under #4 by adding:



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43 and it has fulfilled the “Help Session” requirement as outlined in section 2.1.2.

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45 **Be it finally resolved,** The Student Assembly strongly recommends that the Treasurer, President,
46 Advisor, or a chosen designee of each SAFC-applicant attend a SAFC “Help Session” to
47 reduce the probability that the organization they represent loses funding and that the quality
48 of campus life is diminished; and

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50 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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52 Gabe Kaufman ‘18

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55 Joseph Jang ‘18

56 *Co-Chair, Student Activities Funding Commission*

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58 *Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-1, 08/23/2017*