WHEREAS, many organizations at NIU restrict membership to a certain group based on a democratic process, such as Greek organizations and organizations requiring members to be appointed;

WHEREAS, the Finance Policy already states that groups that require dues cannot receive SA funding, which is an existing form of restrictive membership;

Therefore, the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate hereby amend the SA Bylaws, Part III, Article II, Section 3, Part C:

C. The only exceptions to Part B immediately above are as follows:

1. Organizations may place restrictions on members for not having good conduct with the organization or good standing with NIU.

2. Social fraternities and sororities may select members based on sex, per exemptions under Title IX laws.

3. Student organizations that serve as governing bodies may be allowed to restrict membership to those elected from the constituent groups.

4. A student organization may outline in their constitution a desire to be a restrictive organization, where full membership and full participation is selected by a clearly outlined democratic process. A restrictive organization shall be unable to request any funding from the Student Association.

7 FURTHERMORE, Part IV, Article II, Section 2, Part A of the Bylaws shall hereby be amended:

A. General Eligibility for SA-Recognized Organizations

Any organization that has been officially recognized by the SA Senate for at least two (2) calendar years as of the date budget requests are due will be eligible for annual funding. Organizations with restrictive membership shall be ineligible for funding. Organizations cannot be denied funding due to the nature or classification of their organization. Greek chapters recognized by the SA may request funding from their Greek umbrella council (Interfraternity Council, College Pan-Hellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council).
This act is ordered to take immediate effect

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Kyle Bak, Clerk of the Senate

Austin M. D. Quick, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the THIRD day of APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

Elliot Echols, President