

PROPOSAL

Gilmore-Walter Campaign **Campus Crisis Fund (CCF)**

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The annual and cyclical nature of the Purdue Student Government budget challenges the ability of its administration to effectively implement effective and rapid responses to campus crises. Additionally, University financial and legal regulations limit the ability of Purdue Student Government to disperse funds in a manner it deems appropriate for its constituents.

The creation of an emergency funds account within Purdue Student Government would:

- Allow an effective and rapid response to any large-scale campus crisis.
- Operate outside of the regulations faced by normal student organization accounts.

The Campus Crisis Fund would be capable of:

1. Allowing a rapid response by Purdue Student Government to any large-scale campus crisis facing undergraduate students.
2. Funding activities and initiatives while operating outside of the regulations faced by normal student organization accounts.
3. Being activated by the President of Purdue Student Government in times of large-scale campus crisis.
4. Raising funds from other student organizations, various campus partners, and the wider Purdue community.
5. Preventing a Purdue Student Government administration from being forced to spend previously allocated annual budget funds in an emergency scenario.

This would initially require the creation of a financial plan for the fund as well as the drafting and approval of official Purdue Student Government legislation implementing the fund.

- The fund would need financial backing from Purdue Student Government and other campus partners in order to be created:
 - A five-year phase-out of dependent funding from Purdue Student Government would allow for the accumulation of starting funds.

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Year	PSG Budget Contribution	Total Accumulated Funds (est.)
1	10%	\$12,000
2	5%	\$18,000
3	4%	\$22,800
4	3%	\$26,400
5	2%	\$28,800

- Student organizations and campus partners would also have the ability to contribute to the fund.
- Annual surplus funding from the Purdue Student Government budget would be automatically transferred to the fund at the end of the term.
- The possibility of a partially or fully endowed fund should be explored. The creation of an endowed fund would allow for a nearly guaranteed annual source of funding requiring no internal nor external contributions in order to be sustainable in the long run.

The President of Purdue Student Government would have the sole ability to activate the fund, not requiring Senate approval. Senate approval should not be required for expenses out of the proposed fund, as it should be able to operate rapidly in response to any crisis. Additionally, it is independent of the annual Purdue Student Government budget and therefore should not be subject to Senate approval.

The fund would exist independently of the annual Purdue Student Government budget and outside of restrictions faced by normal student organization accounts. The Campus Crisis Fund would allow Purdue Student Government to effectively respond to large-scale campus crises facing the Purdue undergraduate student body.