**Precedent Bill Opinions**

I concur with the entire Precedent Bill. Precedents are essential in order to have a standard to hold ourselves as well as clubs accountable. They provide an equal playing field-where no club is favored over others. It is the only way that we can see that all clubs are treated fairly financially and all clubs are granted equal opportunities for sustainability.

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The precedent bill was written to help clarify decision making for finance board. We felt there was a lack of precedents and it was making funding decisions arbitrary. This bill addresses those problems. Many clubs have requested money for speakers and we wanted to be able to fund them in an inclusive way. We feel that speakers are a great addition to campus life and we want to support that. We also wanted to make sure that events on campus were getting the necessary advertisement money to make their events successful and well attended.

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For the most part I fully agree with the Precedent Bill. A note of caution: often in Finance Board, the lack of a precedent throws a pall over the allocation request, and I am worried that the absence of a precedent including small gifts for speakers will prejudice future Finance Boards against such requests. I believe that empowering clubs with the ability to bring speakers on to campus is one of the most impactful and important duties we as a Senate can do. We throw thousands of dollars at events like WULA and W.E.B. events that cost an incredible amount per person (I believe WULA is estimated to cost about $60/student in attendance). I think it is a waste of time, and a clear misunderstanding of priorities that Finance Board struggles to allow things labeled as "gifts" for speakers (dinner, fruit baskets, bottles of water, bistro treats) because we are terrified of allocations that could be labeled as "giveaways" (which is against our constitution). At the time of writing this, Finance Board has received a number of requests for "gifts" for speakers that are either not charging fees, or the fee is being covered by another entity on campus. If speaker spending becomes a big drain on our resources - especially with the new insurance policy - then sure, let's be more particular about what sort of fees associated with speakers we fund. At the moment, various clubs have prioritized speaker gifts enough to request funds for them, so I encourage Senators to compare the scrutiny they are applying to a $30 allocation that arguably could be encouraging bringing diverse, educational and unique speakers on to campus with the huge amounts we allocate to other clubs simply because the request "is integral to the club."

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