RESOLUTION DEFINING CULTURE IN REGARDS TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
RESOLUTION 17
March 30, 2015

SUBMITTED BY: Ethan Bidna, Class of 2016 Senator, Chair of the Policy & Review Committee,
ENDORSED BY: The Student Associations’ Standing Committee on Policy & Review
IN CONSULTATION WITH: Dr. Jessica Guzman-Rae, Director of the Burgett Intercultural Center

WHEREAS, it is the Students’ Association Government’s responsibility to create a safe and inclusive campus environment; and

WHEREAS, the SA Government is the entity responsible for ensuring the ability of all cultures to be equally represented in the campus community; and

WHEREAS, the Policy & Review Committee requires guidance in regards to the establishment and oversight of culturally oriented groups; and

WHEREAS, the Policy & Review Committee, and by extension, the SA Government, refrains from taking a stance on controversial political issues or making decisions based on political issues

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Students’ Association Senate endorses the following definition of culture in regards to student organizations:

1. A group who represents a culture, and thus can demonstrate their cultural diversity through a distinct pattern of values, beliefs, and behaviors shared by an identifiable group of people with a common history and verbal and nonverbal systems.

2. A group who not only represents a culture, but is intent on fostering and developing a cultural community that impacts a significant\(^1\) number of students on campus.

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Speaker, Students’ Association Senate

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SENATE VOTE TOTALS:
Yes: 14  No: 2  Abs: 0  Date: 3/30/15

\(^{1}\) Significant is defined as the standard number of students that any regular student organization would need to be considered eligible for recognition.