CHAPTER XXXV
ASUCR Financial Autonomy Act

Section 1.
Summary:
ASUCR (the Associated Students of the University of California, Riverside) is to be distinguished from other campus departments because of its student-directed nature, and by the fact that ASUCR has jurisdiction over their own finances. Every member of the senate is elected or appointed by the student body and is, as such, obligated to serve and represent their constituency in their best interest. Therefore, because ASUCR is designed by and for the students of the University of California, Riverside, its budgets for each year, income and expenses, are created and approved only by the student senate for the purposes specifically outlined in student-initiated referendum for collecting funds, which are proposed, approved, and paid directly by our constituency (the undergraduate student body) upon the trust and understanding that all funds paid will ultimately be transferred back to the students for their overall benefit. ASUCR has a right to utilize all funds gathered through their own student initiated referendum for their designated purposes, and ASUCR reserves the right to make all decisions that affect their finances.

Section 2.
Purpose:
This bill is to ensure that the undergraduate students of the University of California, Riverside, maintain and protect their financial autonomy through their student-run government (ASUCR) as well as their right to assess and determine usage of their own fees. This bill is to solidify the principle of utilizing student fees only as specified in the student-initiated referendum(s) voted on during campus elections, for doing otherwise would be contrary to the purpose of this organization and the trust placed in this organization by the undergraduate students.

Section 3.
Rules and Regulations:

(1) The ASUCR budget, whether concerning funds generated or expenses made, is to be regulated strictly by student referendum verbiage and approved using the financial approval processes set forth in the ASUCR constitution and bylaws.

(2) No funds generated from student-initiated and approved referendum shall be dispersed or used for any purpose other than what was specified in the referendum.
(3) Any question as to whether or not the dispersal or usage of funds generated from student-initiated and approved referendum is for the purpose specified in the referendum may be raised by any member of ASUCR.

(4) If any question is raised pursuant to subsection (3), the matter must be voted on by ASUCR senate during the next regularly scheduled senate meeting and approved only if a vote in favor of dispersal of funds is reached by 80% of the total number of elected Senators (16 of 20).