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Senate Bill SB-05S-1863 Center for Student Media (CSM)

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SENATE LEGISLATION

SB-05S-1863

1 ***SB-05S-1863: Center for Student Media (CSM)***

2 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student
3 concerns in all University wide matters, and;

4 Whereas: The Constitution and Statutes Committee is responsible for making revisions to the Student
5 Government Constitution and Statutes as needed, and;

6 Whereas: The major media outlets on campus; the Spinnaker, Osprey Radio and Osprey Television; at the
7 University of North Florida fall under the Office of Student Development under the Division of
8 Student Affairs in an "umbrella organization" known as the Center for Student Media (CSM);

9 Whereas: The intent of the creation of CSM was to make major media outlets more effective;

10 Whereas: The CSM is an advisory board to the media outlets which was intended to guide them through
11 growth and expansion;

12 Whereas: CSM has become an inefficient, cumbersome bureaucracy which is failing to properly distribute
13 funds to its constituency and has not fostered the growth and cooperation hoped for by the Student
14 Body;

15 Whereas: It is *not* a conflict of interest or unconstitutional for a government to directly fund media outlets so
16 long as said government *does not* use that funding to control the content of the media outlets;

17 Whereas: It stands to reason that a government charged with looking out for the interests of the Student Body
18 should do those things it finds necessary to ensure the freedoms of speech and press;

19 Whereas: So long as a government does not use money to in any way change the content of the media there is
20 no crime in funding media;

21 Therefore: Let it be enacted that Senate Legislation Number SB-00SA-1342A be nullified;

22 Furthermore: Let it be enacted that CSM, the Center for Student Media, shall not dispense monies on behalf of
23 Student Government, but instead Student Government shall fund the University's media outlets
24 separately as individual Centralized Accounts with all regulations that pertain to them;

25 Furthermore: Let it be enacted that CSM shall retain its role as an advisory board to the media outlets, but in a
26 fashion so as to not dispense funding.

STUDENT SENATE ACTION

Respectfully Submitted: Senator Stephen Horne _____

Introduced by: Senator Stephen Horne _____

Senate Action: Tabled Indefinitely _____

Date: January 24, 2005 _____

Signed, _____

Charles R. Jordan, Student Senate President

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Let it be known that SB-05S-1863 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed, _____

Jerry Watterson, Student Body President