January 20th, 2015

To: Student Fee Advisory Committee

Subject: “At Large” SFAC Member

The Student Union Assembly calls on the Student Fee Advisory Committee to abolish the position of “at large” member.

SFAC’s charge letter from the Executive Vice Chancellor, and SFAC’s own membership handbook specify that SFAC’s membership includes ten (10) and only ten undergraduate representatives, representing each of the ten colleges, and appointed by the Student Committee on Committees (SCOC).

Aside from designating two of its student members as Chair and Vice Chair, SFAC does not have the authority to create or fill positions of its own accord. Most troubling is the issue of pay; the “at large” representative is paid $750 per quarter, the same rate as SFAC’s Vice Chair. As members of SFAC are paid out of the Student Services Fee, this means that $2,250 of student fee money yearly is paying a position that was essentially created out of thin air, and has no discernable role or duties.

SCOC has affirmed that the establishment of the “at large” position was illegal and unwarranted, and SUA, as SCOC’s parent organization and the voice of the undergraduate student body, echoes SCOC and calls for the position to be abolished.

Sincerely,
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Chair, Student Union Assembly

cc: Student Committee on Committees
Alison Galloway, Executive Vice Chancellor