WHEREAS, The Student Technology Fee (STF) Committee allocates over $4 million of student fees annually to “supplement the technological requirements of the student body”; and,

WHEREAS, The current grant based proposal method may not be the most effective way to fund technology on campus; and,

WHEREAS, Since its original creation, the scope of the STF Committee has become broader and less clear, with some funding being used for highly specialized equipment that is not available for use by the majority of the student body; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.15.051 dictates that “Revenue from [the Student Technology Fee] shall be used exclusively for technology resources for general student use”; and,

WHEREAS, There have been consistent efforts to improve the committee operations, including the creation of the GPSS and ASUW oversight committee; and,

WHEREAS, Past efforts to improve the committee operations have had limited success; and,

WHEREAS, A. Kiehl Sundt has valuable experience managing prominent committees at the University of Washington, and is a Chair Emeritus of the Services and Activities Fee Committee; and,

WHEREAS, The ASUW Board of Directors will consider similar legislation on Thursday March 3rd, 2016; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
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THAT, Article II Section III and Article IV Section I of the bylaws of the STF Committee, both of which pertain to the appointment and role of the Committee Chair, be suspended; and,

THAT, A temporary Section be added to Article II reading, “There shall be two Co-Chairs of the Committee who shall serve for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Co-Chairs shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the ASUW Board of Directors and the GPSS Executive Committee. The Co-Chairs will be responsible for executing all duties of the Chair and Vice Chair as outlined in Section IV of the STF Committee By-laws.”; and,
THAT, This temporary article will remain in place until the end of the Fiscal Year 2016 or until new bylaws are proposed to and approved by the ASUW Board of Directors and the GPSS Executive Committee, depending on which event occurs first; and,

THAT, The current Chair or other current committee member will serve as one Co-Chair to minimize disruption to this year’s proposal cycle; and,

THAT, The other Co-Chair will be an individual not currently associated with the STF Committee, responsible for analyzing the financing model and serving as a catalyst for necessary changes and restructuring; and,

THAT, The Co-Chairs be appointed by a majority vote of the ASUW Board of Directors and the GPSS Executive Committee; and,

THAT, The Co-Chairs present new bylaws, and policy documents to the ASUW Board of Directors and the GPSS Executive Committee before the end of Spring Quarter 2016; and,

THAT, A. Kiehl Sundt be confirmed as a Co-Chair of the STF Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year; and,

THAT, Bryce Kolton, current STF Committee Chair, be confirmed as a Co-Chair of the STF Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year; and,

THAT, Bryce Kolton (current STF Committee Chair), Alton Lu (STF Committee Coordinator), Sara Torres (STF Advisor), Abe McClenny (ASUW F&B Director), Kiehl Sundt (appointee), and Rene Singleton (SAO Advisor) be forwarded a copy of this bill.

*Introduced to and Approved by the Execuvite Committee on March 2, 2016*