The Financing for Activities Board Act of 2016
An Act to create a board within the Student Government Association of the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Park to distribute funds from the Student Activity Fee.

Article I: Name
Section I: The name of this board or committee shall be The Financing/Activities Board or FAB. It shall be referred to as 'the board' in this legislation.

Article II: Purpose
Section I: The purpose of this board shall be to distribute funds from the Student Activity Fee that are allocated to the Student Government Association of The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park campus. FAB will have authority to allocate these funds to student organizations and events on campus.

Article III: Authority
Section I: The authority of this board shall be derived from the Student Body on the Gulf Park campus and the Gulf Park Student Government Association acting on its behalf.

Article IV: Membership
Section I: FAB will consist of 5 members.

Section 2: The Treasurer of the Student Government Association of USM-Gulf Park shall act as chair of the board.

Section 3: The Treasurer, in consultation with the President of the USM-Gulf Park SGA. shall nominate and General Council confirm a Vice Chair of FAB. The Vice Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Treasurer.

Section 4: The Vice Chair of the board shall be an elected member of the USM-Gulf Park SGA.

The 3 regular members shall be students taking at least 3 credit hours at the University of Southern Mississippi with a GPA of 2.25 or higher.

Section 5: The Treasurer, in consultation with the President of the USM-Gulf Park SGA, shall nominate and General Council confirm 3 regular members of FAB.

Section 6: The Vice Chair of the board shall be an elected member of the USM-Gulf Park SGA.

The 3 regular members shall be students taking at least 3 credit hours at the University of Southern Mississippi with a GPA of 2.25 or higher.

Section 6: Each member of the board shall have one vote.

Section 7: Members of the board shall be nominated and elected on an as-needed basis when a vacancy appears. No person shall serve more than one academic year on the board without being re-nominated and re-confirmed.

Section 8: The Vice President of the Gulf Park Campus or a representative from the office of the Vice President of the Gulf Park Campus shall nominate (a) graduate assistant(s) to the board to assist with the purchasing of materials, allocation of funds from the budget, monitoring the budget, keeping of financial records, and to liaison with the office of the Vice President. These graduate assistant(s) shall be confined by the members of the board and shall have no vote in its proceedings. They shall be invited to and present at all meetings.

Article V: Powers and Duties
Section 1: The board shall have the power to distribute funds allocated to the SGA of USM-Gulf Park from the Student Activity Fee. It shall have the power to distribute these funds to committees, student organizations, and event committees on campus (all referred to subsequently as 'groups!'

Section 2: The board shall have the power to grant these groups an event budget for the year or semester based on a budgetary proposal provided by the group.

Section 3: The board shall have the power to grant these groups funding for a specific event based on a budgetary proposal provided by the group.

Section 4: The board may require these groups to provide receipts to the graduate assistant(s) for recordkeeping.

Section 5: The board may fund these events in whole or in part.

Section 6: The board shall have the power to establish its own procedures and rules concerning the allocation of these funds, subject to the oversight of the Executive Council of the USM Gulf Park SGA.

Section 7: The board shall have the power to establish a process for the application of these funds under the oversight of the Executive Council of the USM Gulf Park SGA.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: The Treasurer shall have the power to establish the date, time, and location of the board's meetings.

Section 2: At least two regular meetings shall be held each month.

Section 3: Any member of the board may propose a special meeting. Upon being seconded by another member of the board, the meeting shall be required.

Section 4: All members of the USM student body and USM administration shall be permitted to join these meetings unless it is a special meeting whereby the majority of board members vote for a closed meeting to discuss sensitive or confidential matters.

Article VII: Removal of Members

Section 1: Members of the board may be removed by the General Council by simple majority vote.

Section 2: The Treasurer may temporarily suspend any other member and recommend his/her removal to the General Council.

Article VIII: Revision

Section 1: The General Council of the SGA-GPUSM-GP SGA shall have the power to amend this document by majority vote.

Section 2: The Executive Council shall be empowered to make non-controversial and minor alterations to this legislation by majority vote after consultation with the General Council.

Section 3: In the event that any provision of this document is declared a violation of state or federal law or any policy/regulation set by the University of Southern Mississippi, all other provisions shall remain in force and in effect. The Gulf Coast Student Government Association shall take necessary and appropriate action within 60 days to correct the provision(s).

Article IX: Passage and Effect

Section 1: This legislation will take immediate effect upon passage.

Section 2: This legislation shall work in conjunction with the policies set forth by the University of Southern Mississippi and the USM Gulf Park SGA Constitution and shall not supersede either. Section 3: This legislation shall be added to the bylaws of the USM Gulf Park SGA Constitution.
I hereby certify that this legislation was considered and adopted by the SGA General Council of the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Park in accordance with the Constitution of the SGA on this ___ day of ___.

Zachary Stewart, President