



Referendum #4  
of the 2015-2016 Session

## To Conduct a Referendum to Remove Rice Video Production's Subsidiary Status

Introduced by  
Sai Chilakapati, Student Association Treasurer, 2015-2016  
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Passed on  
Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
Jazz Silva, Student Association President, 2015-2016  
Presiding Officer

*Whereas*, Rice Video Productions is a subsidiary organization of the Student Association in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Association;

*Whereas*, Rice Video Productions was put under review by the Blanket Tax Committee;

*Whereas*, The Blanket Tax Standing Committee has reviewed Rice Video Productions and issued a report recommending that the Student Senate **approve** the proposal; and

*Whereas*, The Constitution of the Student Association and the importance of decisions regarding allocation of student money require that the proposal for a new blanket tax be submitted to the voters in the spring 2016 Student Association General Election; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Student Senate requests a referendum on Rice Video Productions subsidiary status to be conducted in the spring 2016 Student Association General Election; and

*Resolved*, That the referendum question shall read:

*Rice Video Productions*

*Rice Video Productions currently receives blanket tax funding. The Blanket Tax Standing Committee has reviewed Rice Video Productions subsidiary status and*

*recommends their removal of their subsidiary status. Its report, including Rice Video Production's formal response, is available here. [Link to report.]*

*Rice Video Production's constitution, including its mission statement and statement of purpose, is available here. [Link to constitution.]*

*The full text of the associated amendments to the Student Association Constitution and Bylaws is available here. [Link to text.]*

*Do you approve the recommendation to remove Rice Video Productions as a subsidiary organization of the Student Association, thereby removing their access to the Blanket Tax General Pool and the amendment of the Student Association Constitution and Bylaws to reflect this change?*

*A YES vote is a vote to remove Rice Video Productions as a subsidiary organization of the Student Association and would be required to amend its constitution accordingly.*

*A NO vote is a vote against such an process. Rice Video Productions would continue to be a subsidiary organization of the Student Association that does receive blanket tax funds.*

*If you ABSTAIN, you are choosing not to vote on whether or not to remove Rice Video Productions as a subsidiary organization. Your votes on other items on this ballot will not be impacted, but you will not be counted as having voted on the proposal for the purposes of determining whether it succeeds.*

*Resolved, That, if the Student Association approves both this referendum and the proposed new Constitution of the Student Association, the new Student Association Constitution be amended to remove Section IX.A.9.e, renumbering subsequent sections and updating references accordingly.*

*Resolved, That, if the Student Association approves both this referendum and the proposed new Constitution of the Student Association, the new Student Association Constitution be amended to add Section IX.B.2.e, renumbering subsequent sections and updating references accordingly, which shall read:*

*Resolved, That, if the Student Association approves this referendum, Rice Video Productions be required to revise its constitution to meet the requirements of the Student Association Constitution and Bylaws for constitutions of subsidiary organizations no later than the conclusion of the spring 2016 Student Association General Election.*