



Referendum #2
of the 2015-2016 Session

To Conduct a Referendum on Rally Club's Proposed Subsidiary Status

Introduced by
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Wednesday, January 27, 2016

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

Whereas, Rally Club is a dependent organization of the Student Association in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Association;

Whereas, Rally Club submitted an application;

Whereas, The Blanket Tax Standing Committee has reviewed Rally Club's application 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 Rally Club's proposed blanket tax to be conducted in the spring 2016 Student Association General Election; and

Resolved, That the referendum question shall read:

Rally Club desires to be a subsidiary organization of the Student Association to fund its organization's mission and purpose. Accordingly, it proposes the amendment of the Student Association Constitution and Bylaws to reflect this change in the blanket tax.

Rally Club does not currently receive blanket tax funding. The Blanket Tax Standing Committee has reviewed Rally Club's application for funding and has issued a recommendation to APPROVE the proposal. Its report, including Rally Club's formal response, is available here. [Link to report.]

Rally Club'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 approve Rally Club as a subsidiary organization of the Student Association, thereby granting them 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 designate Rally Club 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 approval. Rally Club would continue to be a dependent organization of the Student Association that does not receive blanket tax funds.

If you ABSTAIN, you are choosing not to vote on whether to approve Rally Club 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 add Section IX.A.9.j, renumbering subsequent sections and updating references accordingly, which shall read:

IX.A.9.j. Rally Club

IX.A.9.j.i. Rally Club shall have priority access as an organization to increase student participation, interest, and support for Rice Intercollegiate Athletics through advertising, promotions, and events.

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.i, renumbering subsequent sections and updating references accordingly, which shall read:

IX.B.2.i. Rally Club

IX.B.2.d.i. The Student Association shall elect the President of Rally Club.
IX.B.2.d.ii. Candidates for Rally Club President shall be current members of the Rally Club Executive Board.

Resolved, That, if the Student Association approves this referendum, Rally Club 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.