WHEREAS: The Associated Student Government Senate strives to remain transparent to the student body; and

WHEREAS: Texas State University is ever striving to become more academically recognized and give our students, Professors, and Deans, the means of conducting research and other academic activities at other institutions or areas of research, and

WHEREAS: The executive branch has secured $25,000 from the Student Service Fee Committee to be used for a pilot grant program, therefore;

BE IT ENACTED: That the Associated Student Government establish a pilot program for Scholarly, Travel, Activity and Research to be called the Rising STAR Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: The Senate allocate $25,000 to this pilot program, and
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: That the following provisions be implemented for the grant;

(1) Students, Faculty and college staff shall submit an application to be reviewed by the Academic Affairs Committee,

(2) The Academic Affairs Committee will use the application found in Appendix A to judge worthiness of any grant award,

(3) The Academic Affairs Committee will review all applications and forward funding recommendations to the President,

(4) The President will have final authority over the disbursement and approval of funds,

(5) The Academic Affairs Committee will submit a report to the President and Senate on the effectiveness of the program by April 1st 2013.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: That, if passed, this bill be forwarded to ASG Advisor Kathy Weiser, Dean of
Students Dr. Margarita Arellano, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Joanne Smith, Provost Bourgeois, and University President Dr. Denise Trauth upon passage.