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**A Bill-**

**To be entitled – “The Visual Arts Initiative of 2019”, relating to authorizing the creation of a standing committee of three students to use a portion of Student Government’s discretionary funds to purchase and donate select films, television shows, and documentaries to the current Alkek selection.**

**WHEREAS:** The Alkek Student Library has an outdated selection of films, television shows, and documentaries; and

**WHEREAS:** Students at this campus may not have the means to purchase/rent entertainment channels such as streaming service subscriptions, cable, and physical/digital formatted media

**WHEREAS:** The collection at Alkek has many films that are missing, and have not been replaced since they have been lost or unable to play due to region restrictions along with damages

**WHEREAS:** Many recent films, television shows, and documentaries of cultural significance are currently not in the Alkek Library Film selection; and

**WHEREAS:** A budgeted committee would ensure that media fitting a set criteria enter the Alkek Library collection for students of Texas State University to enjoy; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University and its Associated Student Government has an obligation to facilitate students to a free and accessible selection of a diverse set of films, television, and documentaries that have shaped world, American, and Texan arts, politics, and culture; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University's Student Government would annually donate an amount as determined by the Director of Finance of its discretionary funds to address the issue of our collection of visual media; and

A standing committee of 3 students who meet four times a year would decide which media to purchase for the Alkek library, with the help and consideration of students dedicated to increasing campus exposure of diverse media; and

**BE IT ENACTED:** The Associated Student Government of Texas State University would create a fund for a standing student committee entitled the “Visual Arts and Culture Committee”

**Article 1 – Authorization**

**Student Government Code Title VII- The Budget, Chapter 100, Article I, Section 5- Appropriations**

**Student Government Code Title VII- The Budget, Chapter 100, Article II, Section 4- Discretionary Authority**

**Article 2 – Purpose**

§ 1 Purpose. The purpose of the committee would be to supplement the current selection of films, television shows, and documentaries currently held by the Alkek Library. based on the criterium of historical influence, impact, and cultural significance.

§ 2 Mission Statement. This committee’s mission is to drive students to educate, engage, and probe their interest in objectively important films, television shows, and documentaries they normally would not have the means to access.

**Article 3 - Roles and Responsibility**

§ 1 Chairperson. The responsibility of the chairperson would be to manage all functioning responsibilities of the committee via delegation. This includes running the meeting, managing funds, and purchasing of the media.

§ 2 Voting Membership. Voting membership will be restricted to senators nominated by the chairperson and approved by the Senate.

§ 3 Meeting: Meetings shall be at the discretion of the committee.

§ 4 Responsibility. The responsibility is to pick films that meet the criteria selected by the bill, supplement Alkek’s selection of media, and to dedicate a portion of the budget towards the purchasing of three films from the previous year that are considered by the committee to bear significance.

1. Budget. The Budget shall be determined by the Director of Finance
2. Recruitment. Recruitment would be encouraged when the processes have begun for finding new senators for student government.

**Article 4 - Membership and Student Engagement**

§ 1 **Membership.** Membership shall consist of appointed and approved Senators.

§ 2 **Student Engagement.** Students shall preserve the right to nominate films they feel are worthy of being part of the selected films of the semester/year. Students will also have general access to the members to voice their opinions on the films that should be selected.

§ 3 **Terms.** Membership shall be in one year in length.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:** This legislation be forwarded to the Student Body President for further action.