A Bill

This is a bill to allocate Ten Thousand dollars ($10,000.00) from the Senate Operating Account to assist Physics Department and UNO Physics Club in hosting the keynote speaker, Dr. Alex Filippenko, which will be hosted on Wednesday March 25th at the University Center Ball Room from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.

Whereas, the Physics Department and UNO Physics Club are registered with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership;

Whereas, the keynote speaker, Dr. Alex Filippenko, is necessary to the UNO community because the live speaking event will act to promote the University, enrich the University’s relationship with the local community, and offer an educational opportunity to the students of the University.

Whereas, the keynote speaker, Dr. Alex Filippenko will offer the University a chance to host an exulted scientist whose reputation and experience will bring positive attention to the University; as well as allow for the student organizations to outreach to the local community, other educational institutes in the area, and local organizations. This will help to bring new students to the University and increase popularity of the University in the community. Furthermore, this event will promote and encourage external organizations as well as alumni to donate to and support the University. The event will be open to the public with University students allowed priority seating. Students who attend will be able to learn about the expansion of universe and dark matter from one of the scientists who contributed to their discovery. The funds borrowed from the Student Government will go to covering the speaker’s honorarium; which Dr. Filippenko has offered to reduce to a third of his normal asking price thanks to the efforts of the Pontchartrain Astronomical Society who will be co-funding the event. The Pontchartrain Astronomical Society will be covering the expenses of Dr. Filippenko’s transportation, food, entertainment, and lodging; furthermore, Dean Johnson, Dean of the College of Sciences, will be providing refreshments for the event and a dinner reception for Dr. Filippenko following the event. The University Ball Room is free for this event as it is a student event.

The UNO Physics Club will be advertising the event via campus and local newspapers, campus flyers, advertisement posters, signs, and social media outlets, such as Facebook and Twitter, and live announcements from professors and students in campus events and classes. Advertisement will begin as soon as funding is secured.

Whereas, Dr. Filippenko’s popularity will be able to draw a sufficient crowd to the event due to his experience and reputation in the field. Dr. Filippenko has appeared on over one hundred scientific documentaries, such as the popular astronomy documentary, The Universe, and has premiered at over seven hundred live speaking events at campuses and venues across the country. He has received countless awards for his work in the scientific community and academia; such as the Carl Sagan Award for Science Popularization, Newton Lacy Prize in Astronomy, the Guggenheim Fellowship in 2000, and dozens of teaching awards for his work as an educator. Dr. Filippenko is the only person to be a member of both the Cosmology Project and the High-z Supernova Search Team, both of which received Nobel Prizes in physics. Dr. Filippenko will be doing a book signing following the event which will increase the bookstore’s sales.

Whereas, interested students of the University, as well as students of other Universities, such as Loyola University, Tulane University, Delgado Community College, Southeastern University, Louisiana State University, etc. will be
actively promoted to and will be in attendance. Furthermore, local high schools will be advertised to promote their student’s attendance both to the event and the university. Local organizations such as the Pontchartrain Astronomical Society and other interested groups will be advertised to are anticipated to attend; as well as, local science enthusiasts in the community. Overall we are anticipating over six hundred people to attend the event.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS STUDENT GOVERNMENT THAT:

I. THE AMOUNT OF $10,000.00 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE Senate Operating Account TO The UNO Physics Club FOR keynote speaker, Dr. Alex Filippenko.

II. ALL UNUSED FUNDS SHALL REVERT BACK TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

III. SEE ATTACHED BUDGET.

IV. UNO Physics Club SHALL REPORT BACK TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT.
Senate Action: passed  
Vote: 12-0-0  
2-3-15

PRESIDING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE  DATE

SG President's Action: Pass  
2-3-15

SG PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE  DATE

VETO OVERRIDE

Senate Action on Veto:  
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Alex Filippenko

"Dark Energy and The Runaway Universe"

Nobel Prize Winning Team

Astrophysicist

March 25th, 2015

Doors Open: 6pm for Students & PAS members
6:30pm for general public
Free Admission and Refreshments
Followed by Book Signing