Resolution 4: Media Fee Reconstruction
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Whereas, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego recognizes that current funding for The Vista, USDtv, and USDradio already comes from undergraduate student fees, and that the funds for the Vista are channeled directly from the “Vista fee” while USDtv and USDradio are considered “centers” and receive their funding from the Student Activities Fee,

Whereas, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego acknowledges that the spending behavior of USDtv and USDradio can be variable on the necessity for equipment and lack thereof, and that a more appropriate allocation of funds should include a rollover,

Whereas, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego realizes that a government-funded press organization is not reflective of a free-press structure,

Whereas, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego emphasizes that all three media organizations of the University of San Diego should be treated with similar regard in allowances and classification,

Whereas, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego bears in mind that a change that involves a fee increase to the entire undergraduate population should be voted upon by the undergraduate population before being moved forward,

Be it resolved, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego calls for funding to The Vista, USDtv, and USD Radio through a $7 per semester tuition charge to each undergraduate student, wherein Vista will receive $4 of the fee per semester, and USDtv and USD Radio will receive $2 and $1 of the fee, respectively, per semester,
Be it further resolved, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego emphasizes that the Associated Students Communications Chair and the Director of Media Marketing will each continue to hold two seats on the Student Media Council regardless of the structure and origin of the funds.

Be it further resolved, the Associated Students Senate of the University of San Diego notes that the Student Activity Fee would remain unchanged by the absence of USDtv and USDradio in its share, thereby freeing funds for other uses and allocations by the Associated Students.

T.J. Hodges, Senator

Kit Brown, AS Speaker of the Senate

Dom Pera, AS President