

SSF Bylaws Reform: S.G.R. 5

A Resolution to the LSU Student Senate & Division of Student Affairs

THE PROBLEM

The Ross Ziegelasch Student Sustainability Fund (SSF) currently operates under a single application window from November 15 to March 15. This window overlaps with Thanksgiving, finals week, and winter break, making it difficult for students to communicate with administrators, conduct on-campus site examinations, and prepare meaningful proposals. Out-of-state students are especially disadvantaged. As a result, a large portion of annually available funds go unallocated.

THE SOLUTION: TWO APPLICATION WINDOWS

S.G.R. 5 urges the SSF to amend its bylaws to replace the single window with **two annual application windows** aligned to the academic calendar, ensuring students can apply during active semesters when campus resources and administrators are accessible. Both proposed windows conclude before the University fiscal year ends on June 30.

CURRENT VS. PROPOSED TIMELINE

	Current Bylaws	Proposed Reform
Application Windows	1 window	2 windows
Fall Window	Nov 15 - Mar 15 (spans break)	Sept 15 - Nov 15
Spring Window	(same window)	Jan 15 - Apr 1
Call for Proposals	Not specified	Begins in summer
Additional Windows	Not permitted	Third window possible (2/3 committee vote)
Date Flexibility	Fixed	Adjustable by 2/3 committee vote

WHY THIS MATTERS



Accessibility

Windows align with active semesters



Fund Utilization

More applications, more funds allocated



Committee Autonomy

Flexible dates and optional third window

RESOLUTION RECIPIENTS

Gabreyela Gonzales, Chair of the SSF Committee; Lisa Mahoney, Co-Chair of the SSF Committee; Courtney Greavis, Division of Student Affairs.