

1 Resolution to Allocate General Funds to Ease the Financial Burden of Attending
2 Grad Ball 2008 for Students Accepting Low-Income Jobs
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9 WHEREAS there exists a substantial and significant disparity in the annual salaries of
10 graduating students, constraining the ability of some graduating students to attend the Graduation
11 Ball;
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13 WHEREAS the Graduation Ball is an event meant to bring the entire student body together to
14 celebrate their respective and collective achievements over the past three years, and to enjoy one
15 another's company in a social setting before graduation, bar, and employment duties come to
16 dominate their lives;
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18 WHEREAS it is in the spirit of the legal profession, and aligned with the goals of Columbia Law
19 School, to support attorneys entering all sectors of the legal industry;
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21 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
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23 THAT it is the sense of the Columbia Law School Student Senate that a portion of the general
24 fund of the Student Senate be used to subsidize partially the cost of Grad Ball 2008 tickets of
25 prospectively low-income students;
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27 THAT "prospectively low-income students" be defined as "Class of 2008 Columbia Law School
28 students earning an annual salary of \$50,000 or less in the coming fiscal year";
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30 THAT such "prospectively low-income students" self-identify upon purchasing a Grad Ball 2008
31 ticket and present adequate proof of their status upon request;
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33 THAT the "portion of the general fund" to be used for this purpose be evenly divided among all
34 "prospectively low-income students" as a cumulative subsidy of their Grad Ball 2008 ticket
35 price;
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37 THAT the "portion of the general fund" to be used for this purpose not be less than \$1,000 and
38 not be more than \$2,000, unless the total number of "prospectively low-income students"
39 applying and eligible for the subsidy be 20 or less, in which case the "portion of the general
40 fund" shall be composed of the product of \$50 and this total number; and
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42 THAT the determination of the exact "portion of the general fund" allocated for these purposes
43 be determined by the Senate President on or before February 27th, 2008, upon the advice of the
44 Chairs of the Graduation Committee and the Senate Treasurer.
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1 THAT the sponsors of this bill shall make a good faith effort to secure funding from other
2 sources, including but not limited to the Office of Development, the Dean's Discretionary Fund,
3 and the Office of Student Services, and should such efforts prove successful any money allocated
4 by the Student Senate through this resolution will be returned to the general fund immediately.