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**University of Central Florida**  
**Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate**  
**Fiscal Bill 56-15**

[Funding for 8 members of Society of Optics Students to travel to the 2025 SPIE Photonics West in San Francisco, CA from January 26, 2025, to January 31, 2025]

**WHEREAS**, Society of Optics Students (SOS) has been a Registered Student Organization since 2015;  
**WHEREAS**, The mission of SOS is to uphold the principles of academic excellence, peer mentoring, leadership, and entrepreneurship to make an impact in the discipline of optics and photonics;  
**WHEREAS**, SOS members pay dues of \$20 annually;  
**WHEREAS**, SOS currently has 28 active dues-paying members;  
**WHEREAS**, The purpose of the 2025 SPIE Photonics West is to participate in job fairs, attend poster sessions, visit company exhibits, and listen to technical presentations;  
**WHEREAS**, Student members attending this conference will be able to participate in numerous events and engage with colleagues and prospective collaborators from across the globe. Students seeking job placement in the industry upon graduation will gain insight into which companies are active in particular market segments, the portfolio of goods and services these companies provide, and their hiring needs. There is a job fair at the conference too. Students who are active undergraduate research assistants at UCF have the opportunity to present their recent accomplishments at a poster session. Our students can also explore what students at other universities are investigating. Those interested in applying to graduate schools can also attend technical presentations of renowned researchers, who may become their future Ph. D advisors;  
**WHEREAS**, SOS will be lodging at the Hyatt Place in San Francisco, CA; and  
**WHEREAS**, SOS received \$0 in Activity and Service Fee Funds in the 2024- 2025 Fiscal Year.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate of the University of Central Florida that \$7,555.28 be allocated to Society of Optics Students from the Registration and Travel Account according to the following breakdown:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Registration	(\$590.00 x 8 members)	\$4,720.00
Lodging	(\$234.78 per night x 5 nights x 4 rooms)	\$4,695.60
Travel	(\$610.00 x 8 members + tax)	\$5,694.96
Total Cost		\$15,110.56
Total Society of Optics Students Contribution		\$7,555.28
<b>Total Senate Contribution</b>		<b>\$7,555.28</b>

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That all unspent funds revert to their originating account by March 3rd, 2025;  
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That Society of Optics Students may complete a Post-Funding Form and return it to the Operations Review and Sanction Committee (ORS); and  
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That Society of Optics Students completes a Verification of RSO Purchases Form by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as a condition of receiving funding.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

Bryce Lister  
 Student Body President

09/24/2024

Date

Dr. Adrienne Frame  
 Vice President, SSWB

Date