

International Relations Students' Association

Office of the President—44th Year

Dutifully Upholding the Constitutional Standard with Honour and Integrity

Proclamation No. 2026-01

For the Temporary Freezing of Fiscal Year Spending *The Summer Budget Freeze*

WHEREIN the Alma Mater Society (AMS) *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual* (CSCPM) states that the President must oversee all the general operations of the International Relations Students' Association (IRSA), that the Treasurer must oversee IRSA's financial activities, must be held accountable for all IRSA transactions, must keep IRSA out of deficit, and must act as IRSA's sole Signing Officer.

WHEREAS the Treasurers experience an incomplete transition from the 43rd Year, with ~\$1,800 in unpaid reimbursements to Auxiliary Members and Executive Members, ~\$1,200 in unpaid dues to the Journal of International Affairs, ~\$3,400 in unpaid dues to the AMS, and fiscal uncertainty given its Program Club status, the Presidents and Treasurers of the 44th Year hereby determine the necessity of a budget freeze.

ACCORDINGLY, Ellie Ju and Harris Tirmizi, Presidents of IRSA's 44th Year; Ariadne Zheng and Sohani Aggarwal, Treasurers of IRSA's 44th Year, proclaim the prohibition of Fiscal Year Spending by all Auxiliary Members and Executive Members, excluding the Presidents and Treasurers, subject to the nullification provisions herein, to correct an incomplete Treasurer transition on this day of 14 May 2026.

Signed,

X EJ Ellie Ju President of IRSA's 44th Year	X HT Harris Tirmizi President of IRSA's 44th Year
X AZ Ariadne Zheng Treasurer of IRSA's 44th Year	X SA Sohani Aggarwal Treasurer of IRSA's 44th Year



1. Interpretive Provisions

- (1) Any reference to specific documents, including the International Relations Students' Association (IRSA) *Constitution*, the Alma Mater Society (AMS) *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual*, the *AMS Clubs Handbook*, and this Proclamation, must be understood to include any successor documents that fulfill the same governance function within IRSA and the AMS.
- (2) Any reference to specific persons, including the AMS Clubs and Societies Committee, must be understood to include any successor persons that fulfill the same governance function within the AMS.
- (3) Nothing in this Proclamation must be interpreted in a manner repugnant to the AMS's governing documents. In the event of a conflict between this Proclamation and the governing documents of the AMS, the latter must prevail.

2. Definitions

“Auxiliary Member”: an Active Member who is involved in the club, not through an Executive Position, but as a hired or appointed director, coordinator, or volunteer. Note that auxiliary positions shall be voluntary and shall not receive honoraria or salary from the AMS Club;

“Executive Member”: an Active Member who has been elected to an executive position at the club. All executive positions are specified in the club's bylaws and each club is required to have a President and a Treasurer as executives. Note that elected Executive positions shall be voluntary and shall not receive honoraria or salary from the AMS Club;

“Fiscal Year”: the period of time between May 1 and April 30 inclusive; and

“Fiscal Year Spending”: the acquisition of club finances or assets by an Auxiliary Member or Executive Member in the Fiscal Year with an expectation of reimbursement.

3. Budget Freeze

- (1) Until otherwise directed by the Treasurer or the Alma Mater Society Clubs and Societies Committee, Fiscal Year Spending by Auxiliary Members and Executive Members, excluding the President and Treasurer, is suspended.

- (2) Notwithstanding Section 3(1), the Treasurer may permit Fiscal Year Spending with immediate operational or financial necessity from Auxiliary Members and Executive Members, excluding the President and Treasurer, on a per-expenditure basis.
- (3) Fiscal Year Spending without permission per Section 3(2) will not be reimbursed by the Treasurer unless otherwise stated by the Treasurer.

4. Nullification of This Proclamation

- (1) Unless the President and Treasurer reach a consensus to extend the Fiscal Year Spending suspension per Section 3, this Proclamation will expire seven (7) days after its signing date.
- (2) The consensus per Section 4(1) must be reached at minimum, every seven (7) days, for this Proclamation to remain in effect, otherwise, the Proclamation will expire seven (7) days after the last consensus.
- (3) Upon the dismissal or resignation of the President or Treasurer per the Alma Mater Society (AMS) *Clubs Handbook*, *AMS Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual*, the International Relations Students' Association *Constitution*, or AMS Clubs and Societies Committee, this Proclamation will expire immediately.