

# Rockhurst University STUDENT SENATE FINAL BILL No. SB 2016-101

Date approved: 5/29/2016

Sponsored by: Zachary Pohlman, President

## A BILL TO FUND A LECTURE FROM BRYAN STEVENSON OF THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

**WHEREAS**, the Rockhurst University Student Senate promote the interests and concerns of the undergraduate student body in matters that affect the University community by maintaining and improving the rights and general welfare of the students and stimulating and upholding the ideals and values of the Jesuit Catholic tradition through learning, leadership, and service;

**WHEREAS**, the Student Senate is committed to promoting dialogue around issues of inclusion, diversity, multiculturalism, and social justice;

**WHEREAS**, the Visiting Scholar Lecture Series has been presented with the opportunity to bring Mr. Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative to Rockhurst University to speak on the topic of mass incarceration;


**WHEREAS**, Mr. Stevenson is a “widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned” (eji.org), a best selling author, and multiple award and honorary degree recipient;

**WHEREAS**, the Visiting Scholar Lecture Series is seeking additional funds to assist in bringing Mr. Stevenson to Rockhurst University;

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Co-Sponsorship Budget provides a platform for the Senate to engage in educational learning opportunities for the University community;

**BE IT ENACTED THAT** the Rockhurst University Student Senate hereby agrees to sponsor a lecture from Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative, and that the sum of \$1750 be allotted from the Senate Educational Co-Sponsorship Budget for the following:

Speaker fee	\$1750
Total:	\$1750

  
Zachary Pohlman  
Student Senate President

  
Theresa Bergman  
Student Senate Vice President

Veto