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Alicia made an executive decision to fund a Boise State Public Radio position with vending machine (coke) revenue. The total is **\$105,053 per year**. Once the person in the position leaves Boise State, BSPR will no longer get funding for the position. The proposal is to reduce the vending scholarship allocation by \$105,053 and then provide \$105,053 to the scholarship budget from central funds. This then frees up \$105,053 in vending revenue to transfer to BSPR. This keeps the scholarship budget whole while providing vending revenue to BSPR for the position.

I do not support this request and disapprove of the actions being requested. I understand the decision is not mine to be made, but I want you to be very aware of my position on this request based on my information. I understand that I may not have all the information on this request, and if the following is not accurate, the right to learn more on the ask.

Details on why I am against this request:

To my understanding, Alicia decided to pay Bob Kustra **\$105,053** for his position at Boise State Public Radio with vending machine revenue. The information I received as to why this decision was made was appropriated funds were initially used. Due to Bob's controversial radio segments and his editorials to news outlets supporting freedom of speech, the university was questioned about his position's funding. As a result, it was then transitioned to local funding from interest funds, i.e., the interest we make from bonds. Additional questions and concerns continue to be voiced about the current interest funding. As a consequence of pressured questions on the funds he is paid through, I am being told to use vending funding to add one more work layer to fund this position, and then be made whole through another funding account.

I am assuming the ask to use vending funds to pay Bob is not forthcoming or transparent of the university's continued support for Bob's radio programming. Essentially concealing funding so that the state legislature or others don't know the full amount the university is contributing to funding Bob's position. In several conversations about Big City, the main response was that we stand for and offer an environment of free speech. Yet leadership continues to conceal our efforts in balancing discussions conservative vs. liberal, trying to separate social justice efforts and the funding,

Former senior relationship with the university does not fell proper to me.

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