**Free Chapter Meeting attendance for student members Proposal**

**Background**

Orange empire currently charges students a reduced rate of $10 to attend chapter meetings. This proposal is to reduce the cost to $0 for students to attend the chapter meetings. From speaking with the CSU Long Beach student advisor (Hank Bagheri), the majority of students in our student branch are working and going to school. Reducing the economical barrier from attending the chapter meetings can potentially increase participation in the chapter by our student members. Our chapter receives PAOE points for the total cost spent on students that can include the full cost of the dinner for the students. Additionally from their attendance in the meeting we gain additional PAOE points that may boost our chapter performance during the CRC award ceremony.

In order to ensure only students are signing up for the free membership, it is proposed that students are required to sign up with discount code that they can only receive from emailing a chapter member. Alternatively, students must provide proof of student during the check in process.

**Proposal**

Use portion of the $1000 student activities budget to cover reduced price of $10 for students to allow for free attendance to students.

**Cost Impact**

Estimated Cost: $500 (~50 students @ $10 each) of allotted $1000 Student Activities Scholarship budget