JOINT STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

Annual Joint Student Governments Session
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Sponsor: UISG Senator Lindsey Rayner and GPSG Delegate Husam Atari
Referred to the Student Life Committee
Joint Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

In support in increased transparency of current and proposed tuition dollar allocations

Section 1. Short Title

This resolution may be cited as the “Resolution on Tuition Dollar Allocation Transparency”

Section 2. Stance on Tuition Increase

Due to decreasing State appropriations to the University of Iowa, tuition for all UI students has increased dramatically over the last several years, particularly for non-resident and graduate and professional students. UISG and GPSG support tuition increases to provide supplemental revenue to the UI provided that the UI administration continues to invest in alternative revenue streams as well as adequately communicate with UISG and GPSG to ensure that tuition increases are balanced with the affordability of higher education to our constituency.

Section 3. Stipulations on the Stance on Tuition Increase

To this end, UISG and GPSG support that the UI administration:

1.) Collaborate with UISG and GPSG executives throughout the tuition proposal process

We encourage communication and collaboration from UI administration with UISG and GPSG student leaders at least one month prior to the October Board of Regents (BOR) meeting each year at which the first reading of tuition and fee rates occurs. Earlier communication with the student governments will provide ample time for each year’s newly elected student leaders to better understand the complex issues underlying proposals for increased tuition. Conversely, and importantly, it will ensure that UI students, who are funding any tuition increase, are ensured an adequate opportunity to have their voice incorporated into the tuition proposal process.

2.) Increase transparency in regards to the allocation of tuition dollars
We support the release of, by UI administration, a detailed account for the full allocations of student's current tuition dollars to be released no later than May 2017. Additionally, we support the release of, by UI administration, a detailed account for the proposed allocations before any tuition increase to be released no later than two weeks prior to the October BOR meeting each year. We fully support this documentation being provided publicly on the UI website such that all students have equal and open access to this information.

Section 4. Support of Action by University of Iowa Administrators

With the understanding of the stipulations provided: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, UISG and GPSG fully support any and all attempts made by the UI administration to increase collaboration with UISG and GPSG throughout the tuition proposal process as well as any and all attempts to increase the transparency of all current and proposed tuition dollar allocations.

_______________________________, Speaker of the Senate
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I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2016-2017 Joint Governments Session.

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Sheng Hao Lu

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