

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (GPSO)

RESOLUTION ON MANDATORY STUDENT FEES

WHEREAS, all students at Indiana University-Bloomington currently pay the same mandatory student fees; and

WHEREAS, this approach does not permit the university to distinguish between the unique interests and needs of undergraduate and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the undergraduate student population currently subsidizes groups and services that do not address the unique interests and needs of most undergraduate students, such as the Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSO) and Campus Daycare; and

WHEREAS, the graduate student population currently subsidizes groups and services that do not address the unique interests and needs of most graduate students, such as the Indiana University Student Association (IUSA) and IUSTV; and

WHEREAS, members of the undergraduate student community have raised concerns about student fees being used for such groups as the GPSO and Campus Daycare; and

WHEREAS, the recent survey of graduate and professional students (attached to this document) indicates that very few graduate students use or perceive any benefits to such groups as IUSA and IUSTV; and

WHEREAS, other institutions and IU campuses separate undergraduate and graduate student fees, such as Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, all groups currently receiving mandatory student fees provide services vital to ensuring a rich and diverse community at Indiana University-Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, it is an undue burden for any of these groups to have to consistently defend their existence and right to receive student fees

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of the Provost, the Office of the President and the Board of Trustees should devise a new system of student fees and reorganize the Committee for Fee Review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of the Provost, the Office of the President and the Board of Trustees adopt the attached proposal for a restructured system of fees and re-organized Committee for Fee Review

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the GPSO Assembly this

GPSO President

PROPOSAL ON MANDATORY STUDENT FEES

The GPSO proposes the following changes to the mandatory student fees.

The following fees should be left in their current form:

Technology Fee
Health Fee
Transportation Fee

The following groups and services should be included under an Auxiliaries Fee:

IU Auditorium
Indiana Memorial Union
Recreational Sports and Aquatic Facility
Student Legal Services

The following groups and services should be included under a Graduate Student Activities Fee:

Campus Day Care
Graduate and Professional Student Organization

The following groups and services should be included under an Undergraduate Student Activities Fee:

IUSA
IUSTV
Outdoor Adventures
Union Board
WIUX

Proposal 1: The Graduate Student Activities Fee will be assessed only on graduate students.

Proposal 2: The Undergraduate Student Activities Fee will be assessed only on undergraduate students.

Proposal 3: The Committee for Fee Review will be split into two committees: one committee composed of graduate and professional students and the second committee composed of undergraduate students.

Proposal 4: The two committees will meet jointly to review and make recommendations on the Technology, Health, Transportation and Auxiliaries Fees.

Proposal 5: The two committees will meet separately to review and make recommendations on their respective Activities Fees.