



Resolution

GB Spring 2012- 02 Endorsement for Raising Tuition in Response to State Budget Cuts
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- 1 WHEREAS the Student Government Association of Missouri State University is the official
- 2 voice of the student body; and
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- 4 UNDERSTANDING that there is a history of the Missouri State University administration
- 5 consulting the Student Government Association and other student leaders each year before
- 6 setting the tuition and fees for the coming year; and
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- 8 RECOGNIZING that student leaders and members of SGA were consulted regarding the
- 9 tuition and fees for Fiscal Year 2013 (Academic Year 2012-13); and
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- 11 REALIZING that while Missouri State students prefer to keep the cost of attendance as low as
- 12 possible, students also want to maintain the quality of education and many of the services that
- 13 currently exist at the University; and
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- 15 FURTHER RECOGNIZING that as students face a raise in tuition, student leaders have
- 16 recommended that the Missouri State University administration practice discretion when
- 17 considering the potential of increasing any student services fees in order to keep total tuition and
- 18 fees as low as possible; and
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- 20 NOTING that student leaders have consulted their organizations and received confirmation of
- 21 this student support; therefore
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- 23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association of Missouri State University
- 24 recommends that should the proposed 12.5 percent reduction in state funding be approved by
- 25 the Missouri General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor, the Student Government
- 26 Association would support a tuition increase for Fiscal Year 2013 of up to a maximum of 6.5
- 27 percent for undergraduate resident students, and
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- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should the reduction in state funding be improved from
- 30 the proposed 12.5 percent, students would expect that the tuition increase would be reduced
- 31 proportionally, so that if the reduction in state appropriations reaches 8 percent, tuition would

32 increase by 3.2 percent, thus reaching the level of increase allowed by state law without a waiver
33 being submitted and approved; and
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35 BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Clif Smart,
36 Interim University President; Paul Kincaid, Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President for
37 University Relations ; and Dr. Earle Doman, Vice President for Student Affairs.