

Resolution on Student Activity Fee Increase

WHEREAS, in its current status, the Student Activity Fee no longer provides adequate funding for the Student Union;

WHEREAS, both the annual total percent increase in the cost of attendance and the annual inflation rates currently outpace Student Activity Fee increases;

WHEREAS, due to an increasing number of groups within the Student Union, as well as such recent creations as the Rector Fund, drawing from the pool of funds that support the Student Union and The Shirt Charity;

WHEREAS, the solvency of The Shirt Project, which also provides Student Union funding, is uncertain due to independent factors such as quality of design, color, the economy, and team performance;

WHEREAS, each year the requests for funding allocation by groups within the Student Union greatly exceed the amount available;

WHEREAS, due to past financial over expenditures, the Student Union is currently in violation of Student Union Fiscal Policy, Section VIII: Carry-Forward Account Guidelines, 6. "The Carry-Forward Account shall never be allowed to fall below \$15,000," and an increase in the Student Activity Fee shall permit the establishment of this balance;

WHEREAS, an increase in the Student Activity will afford the Student Union the ability to increase and improve activities across the board, tailoring them in response to the dynamic student body, benefiting all;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that beginning in the 2002-2003 school year, the Student Activity Fee be increased by \$10 (from \$65) to \$75;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, the Student Activity Fee be increased by \$5 every other school year. In the 2012-2013 school year, at which time the Student Activity Fee shall total \$100, the Student Activities Office and the Senate Oversight Committee shall review this policy to ensure that it remains adequate and in accordance with the state of the University of Notre Dame Student Union. The results of this review shall be presented to the Senate prior to December 1, 2012.

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