Resolution To Enhance Fee Transparency & Encourage Fee Reduction

Whereas, graduate and professional students have called for a review of an assortment of campus fees;

Whereas, graduate and professional students continue to face financial challenges due to the wide array of fees charged at IU;

Whereas, COVID-19 has increased the financial vulnerability of graduate and professional students;

Whereas, there is a notable disparity in fees charged by IU for printing, dropping/adding classes, transcripts, and other fees in comparison to other Big 10 Institutions;

Whereas, the GPSG General Assembly has frequently highlighted concerns about the amount of fees charged;

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG calls upon the University to permanently eliminate the drop/add course fees attached to class scheduling and to extend the grace period for dropping/adding courses.¹

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG shall work with the University to increase the amount of free printing provided to graduate and professional students.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG reaffirms its commitment to the removal or reduction of transcript fees.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG supports a five-year freeze on any and all increases associated with the international student fees and seeks greater transparency on the use of these fees.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG, as a co-chairing organization of the Committee for Fee Review, calls for an increase in transparency related to the CFR process.

¹ Note, the drop/add access fee of $8.70 will not be charged for the spring 2021 semester.
Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG supports a two-year freeze on all mandatory fees.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG calls upon the University to provide greater transparency around the breakdown of any “bundled” fees charged to students.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG calls upon the University to discount the Spring 2021 mandatory fees for any and all students whose academic course load consists of fewer than 50% in-person courses to account for the reduced access or usage of services during both the January-February period and during the remainder of the Spring semester.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG supports the GPSG Executive Committee’s decision to establish an as-needed ad-hoc committee to review and summarize all fees currently charged by the University.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG supports an increase in general transparency regarding all fees on campus in relation to (1) how they are assessed; (2) upon whom they are assessed; and (3) how they are utilized.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG Executive Committee will be empowered to seek reductions, eliminations, or alterations of all fees on campus.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on December 4, 2020.

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