



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Resolution

27th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 8

Sponsored by: Speaker O'Neill

Date: Monday, October 21st, 2019

Support for the Student Local Fees Committees' recommendation to increase student fees.

COGS Vote: 9-2-0

Passed: Monday, October 21st, 2019

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

Handwritten signature of Deborah K. O'Neill in black ink.

Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

Handwritten signature of Caitlyn Ber in black ink.

Deputy Speaker for Finance



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Whereas: Local Fees are defined as the Activity & Service (A&S) fee, the Athletic Fee, and the Health Fee.

Whereas: Florida Statue 1009.24 states the total Local Fee may not exceed 40% of tuition, which is \$215.55.

Whereas: Local Fees per credit hour are currently \$34.73, representing 16% of the cost of tuition.

Whereas: the Local Fees total is the sum of an A&S Fee of \$12.86, an Athletic Fee of \$7.90, and a Health Fee of \$13.97.

Whereas: Local Fees for Florida State University (FSU) have not been increased since 2012-13.

Whereas: the Student Local Fee Committee for FSU, established with Florida Statue 1009.24, reviews and recommends Local Fee increases annually for the betterment of Florida State University.

Whereas: Florida Statue 1009.24 sets the maximum increase permitted by the Local Fee Committee at 5%, or \$1.73, per credit hour for Fall 2020.

Whereas: the Student Local Fee Committee heard requests from representatives of departments who receive funding from the aforementioned fees on October 3rd, 2019 in which each group requested their respective fee be increased by the maximum amount.

Whereas: the proposed fee increases would increase the Local fees to the following amounts: an A&S Fee of \$13.55, an Athletic Fee of \$14.58, and a Health Fee of \$8.33.

Whereas: the proposed total Local Fees would be \$36.46, representing 17% of the current tuition cost of \$215.55

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Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: the Congress of Graduate Students supports the increase in the Local Fees as it will allow the university to better serve its graduate student population and meet their needs as students.

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