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This Resolution Shall Henceforth Be Known As the “Recommendation to Not Set Limitations on Increases In Fees and Designated Tuition Charged by Public Institutions of Higher Education.”

PURPOSE

To not recommend set limitations on increases in fees and designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

Whereas: Article VI of the Constitution of The University of Texas at San Antonio’s Student Government Association reads: “The duties and responsibilities of the SGA General Assembly shall be: To review, discuss, consider, and take any necessary action through legislation on all issues which concern the campus or students which are brought to the floor;” and

Whereas: SB 233 is currently being considered by the 84th Texas Legislature’s Senate Committee on Higher Education; and

Whereas: The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association believes that SB 233 the hinder the growth of many public institutions of higher education in the State of Texas; and

Whereas: Academic inflation is estimated to be higher than that which the Consumer Price Index references1; and

Whereas: Though the percent increase in attending a public four year institution may be higher than the percent increase in inflation, The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association believes that this increase is healthy for a growing academic institution; and

Whereas: Capping an increase of tuition at the rate of inflation may cause public institutions of higher education to become stagnant in their development; and

Whereas: SB 233 negatively effects many emerging research institutions such as The University of Texas at San Antonio, The University of Texas at El Paso, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Houston, Texas Tech University, and The University of North Texas; and

1 http://www.forbes.com/sites/steveodland/2012/03/24/college-costs-are-soaring/
Whereas: SB 233 will additionally hurt smaller, developing campuses such as The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and many others; and

Whereas: Public institutions of higher education which look to expand their student population may need more resources to facilitate that expansion; and

Whereas: The University of Texas Student Government Association believes that inhibiting the growth of higher education in the State of Texas will negatively affect the state’s economy; and

Therefore be it resolved: The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association hereby recommends that the 84th Texas Legislature Senate Committee on Higher Education recommend a favorable report of SB 233; and

Be it further resolved: A copy of this resolution is sent to Senator Kel Seliger, Senator Royce West, Senator Paul Bettencourt, Senator Konni Burton, Senator Charles Perry, Senator Kirk Watson, and Senator Charles Schwertner with this clause omitted from the resolution.