GA 104

This Resolution Shall Henceforth Be Known As The:

“Transportation Fee Proposal Resolution”

PURPOSE

To support the implementation of a student vote regarding an increase of the University of Texas at San Antonio’s Transportation Fee in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

WHEREAS: Article III, Section 2 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”; and

WHEREAS: The Transportation Fee aids in providing ridership for students by increasing the current fee by $9 in the 18-19 academic year and another $9 in the 19-20 academic year; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 2,190,670 rides are projected to be provided during the duration of this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS: The University of Texas at San Antonio’s carbon footprint has significantly decreased by saving an estimated 550 metric tons of CO₂ emissions, 78,300 gallons of fuel, and 1,957,473 commuter miles from off-campus housing rides; and

WHEREAS: The current budget is operating at a deficit and is no longer sustainable with the university’s growing population; and this proposed fee increase will assist in providing funding towards fueling and reducing maintenance delays, thereby maintaining shuttle frequency of existing routes; and

WHEREAS: The positive impacts include the reduction in both traffic congestion and parking demand: a fee increase will benefit those who utilize the shuttle services and is projected to increase campus wide parking availability; and
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WHEREAS: The fee increase will aid in eliminating the current budget deficit that is estimated to rise to $800,000 after 2 years; the Transportation Department is currently subsidizing their budget from the Parking Department’s budget; and

WHEREAS: In order to alleviate rider overflow from nearby student housing, the creation of Route 46 for this upcoming Fall 2019 semester will be an additional necessary expense that will service the new student housing complex built near Chase Hill Blvd., which will further increase the deficit without the approval of additional fees; and

WHEREAS: In comparison to the average of other Texas public universities such as UT Austin, Texas State, Texas A&M and Texas Tech, the University of Texas at San Antonio with the proposed fee increase for academic year 2018-2019 is less expensive by an average of thirty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents. While the proposed increase for 2019-2020 would be less expensive by an average of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents. ¹

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Student Government Association of The University of Texas at San Antonio supports the implementation of a university wide student vote regarding this Fee Increase, to be conducted (or held) during the first month beginning of the Spring 2018 semester.

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¹ This data was collected using current figures only, and is subject to change depending on their proposals to the board as well.