GA 105

This Resolution Shall Henceforth Be Known As The:

“Support For the Increase Of Automated Services Fee (ASF)”

PURPOSE

To declare The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Student Government Association’s (SGA) support on the increase for the Automated Services Fee for the upcoming two academic years.

OPENING STATEMENT

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 current proposed increase to the Automated Services and Computer Access Student Fees will assist the Office of Information Technology Services (OIT) in improving their services to better serve the students and faculty at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years; and

WHEREAS: Currently, the ASF fee is $25 per semester credit hour and, for the 2018-2019 academic year, the fee is proposed to increase to $26.50 \(^1\) per semester credit hour; and

WHEREAS: In the 2019-2020 academic year, the ASF fee will increase from $26.50 to $28.00 \(^2\) per semester credit hour; and

\(^1\) "Tuition & Fee Committee: Student Forum Presentation." 13 November 2017, PowerPoint File
\(^2\) http://www.utsa.edu/financialaffairs/TuitionFees/committee/docs/11/Student_Forum_Presentation11-13-2017.pptx
WHEREAS: OIT provides services such as StudentConnect where qualified personnel provides technical support for personal laptops, tablets, phones, etc., free access to licensed applications and cloud storage for students use, continued maintenance and improvement of classroom technology, student computing labs, Automated Student Access Program (ASAP), wireless & wired networks by the help of OIT support staff for registered UTSA students; and

WHEREAS: Continuous development in finding new, innovative ways to protect and prevent against cyber threats is necessary in this day and age; and

WHEREAS: Maintaining a high level of computer information security for students and faculty can work effectively; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of increasing the UTSA Automated Services and Computer Fee is to “defray the costs associated with managing, maintaining, upgrading, and general operations of the University’s technology infrastructure, electronic resources and online services,” if any budget shortfall is shown in the next two academic years, then these technological resources would be greatly impaired and will negatively impact student success at UTSA; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: In order to aid in The Office of Information Technology’s (OIT) efforts to better serve the students, faculty, and staff at UTSA given the continuous growth of UTSA and the perpetual emergence of new cybersecurity threats, The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association stands in support of increasing the Automated Services Fee.

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3 http://catalog.utsa.edu/informationbulletin/tuitionfees/mandatorysemesterfees/
4 "Tuition & Fee Committee: Student Forum Presentation." 13 November 2017, PowerPoint File