GA 106

This Resolution Shall Henceforth Be Known As The:

“A Call for a Student Vote Regarding an Increase in the Athletics Fee”

PURPOSE

To support the implementation of a student vote regarding an increase of the University of Texas at San Antonio’s Athletic 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 Athletics fee provides funding towards 17 sports programs; and

WHEREAS: The Mandatory Athletics fee will be increased from $20 to $21 per semester credit hour during the 2018-2019 academic year; and

WHEREAS: In addition, the Mandatory Athletics fee will be increased from $21 to $22 per semester credit hour during the 2019-2020 academic year; and

WHEREAS: This proposal would generate an estimated $2.5 million in additional revenue; and

WHEREAS: The current athletics fee is capped at $240 for 12 credit hours and the cap will be dissolved with the increase of this fee; and

WHEREAS: This proposal would allow for the purchase of video equipment and staff to televise programs in compliance with Conference USA standards; and
WHEREAS: A total of 507 students\(^1\) participate in programs that are funded by the Athletics fee; and

WHEREAS: This fee will assist with the maintenance, upgrade and repair of aging facilities, including the Convocation Center; and

WHEREAS: This increase will provide additional athletic training support and staff to assist with medical injuries and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS: This increase would allow for the hiring of more student interns and graduate assistants in developmental positions; and

WHEREAS: A student vote is required for any proposed increases in the Athletics fee per the Texas Education Code Section 54.5322\(^2\); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That a student vote be initiated in Spring 2018 regarding this fee increase.

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\(^1\)Source: Team Rosters on [http://goutsa.com/index.aspx](http://goutsa.com/index.aspx)  
\(^2\) [http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm)