

A Resolution to Commend President Drake on Freezing In-State Tuition

Kurt Shaffer (for himself and Maria Vargo) introduced the following resolution to the Steering committee where it passed.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas college affordability is integral both to Ohio State’s land grant mission and to President Drake’s 2020 Vision for the university, and

Whereas the Board of Trustees received a recommendation to freeze in-state tuition for the 2016-2017 academic year at their April meeting, and

Whereas this marks the fifth straight year of in-state tuition freezes, which occurred alongside a \$20 million expansion in the access grant program and cost cuts across all units, a feat which goes unrivaled among peer institutions, and

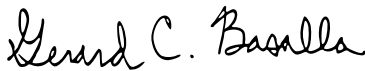
Whereas the tuition freeze is estimated to generate combined savings for undergraduates upwards of \$83.5 million versus a standard 2% increase, and

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government recognizes that the innovation required to make such a significant investment in student affordability is truly praiseworthy; and

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government hereby confers its strongest commendation to President Drake and his executive leadership team for their boldness and initiative in steering the university through such a prolonged period of frozen in-state tuition, which has made Ohio State a national example of excellence in higher education affordability, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government will continue to work with the administration in further advancing affordability goals to the benefit of all students.

Floor Vote: Aye: 44 Nay: 0 Present: 44



Gerard Basalla
President



Danielle Di Scala
Vice President

Date Adopted: April 20, 2016

Date Terminated: _____