

Resolution on Tuition Increase

2/25/2010

Student Government Association
of
Kennesaw State University

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Student Government Association of Kennesaw State University is to promote student advocacy and participation in campus events, address the issues facing students, and represent the interests of the student body as a whole,

WHEREAS, SGA acts as the voice for students to influence campus, local, state and federal policy,

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's higher education budget may receive a \$385 million reduction,

WHEREAS, a 77% increase in all publicly funded college tuition is being discussed by state legislators,

WHEREAS, such an increase in tuition would dramatically alter the number of successful students enrolling in and completing degree programs at Kennesaw State University,

WHEREAS, faculty, staff, and other operations have already been reduced in order to maintain the high quality of education in our universities and colleges,

WHEREAS, the total amount of funding per full-time equivalent student has already been drastically reduced,

WHEREAS, higher education is a long-term investment vital to the future financial success of the State of Georgia,

WHEREAS, the SGA is the representative body for all Kennesaw State University students.

Therefore, the following statements will act as the official position of the Student Government Association of Kennesaw State University regarding the State of Georgia's budget situation and its effects on Kennesaw State University:

I. We advise the Georgia legislators to consider that such a tuition increase would have drastic long-term results such as:

1. Reduced enrollment
2. Workforce decline
3. Financial consequences

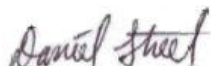
II. In order to compensate for the discussed budget cuts, we urge legislators to cautiously consider a variety of solutions such as the following:

1. Modest tuition increase of around 15%.
2. 7-10 furlough days per academic year.
3. A moderate increase to the Hope Scholarship minimum GPA requirements.

III. Additionally, we strongly support the Board of Regents decision to not allow an increase in mandatory student fees until the reduction of the institutional fee.

Senate Vote: 26 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Abstain

Date: 2/25/2010



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