

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS-08

SENATE BILL NO. GS08-39

AS INTRODUCED

A Senate resolution urging the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to postpone consideration of any proposed increases or additions to college fees at the University of Oklahoma.

Whereas: According to Section 14.3.1, Paragraph B-1 of the *Policies and Procedures Manual* adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, all requests for changes in tuition and mandatory fees should be accompanied by documentation showing “communication of tuition and fee requests to student government organizations, other student groups, and students at large”; and,

Whereas: Over the past year, Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate have repeatedly asked the Provost’s Office for itemized financial statements for all existing college fees and estimated budgets for all proposed increases or additions to college fees – submitting three separate open records requests; and,

Whereas: Itemized financial statements and estimated budgets have never been provided in response to any of these requests – with the Provost’s Office claiming that this information does not currently exist and that it will not be available until September of 2008; and,

Whereas: A policy memorandum on the Provost’s website dated March 1, 2007 required all academic schools and departments to turn in itemized financial statements for all existing college fees and estimated budgets for all proposed increases or additions to college fees no later than May 1, 2007; and,

Whereas: Student leaders have been seeking this information from the Provost’s Office for at least twelve years – ever since Marc Young, the Chair of Student Congress, turned in similar open records requests in 1996.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that:

Section 1: The Graduate Student Senate urges the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to postpone consideration of any proposed increases or additions to college fees at the University of Oklahoma until this information is provided.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:

The Honorable Members of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
The Honorable President of the University of Oklahoma, David Boren

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Submitted on a Motion by: Sen. Adkins, seconded Sen. Goepfert

Action taken by Senate: Passed by Consent

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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