

RESOLUTION 18

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT REQUESTING THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS ADOPT LOWER
TUITION INCREASE GUIDELINES FOR THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR DUE TO
THE PREVAILING DIFFICULTIES IN THE ECONOMY

Short Title: 2009-2010 Tuition Recommendations Act (Public)

Sponsored by: Association President DOUCETTE (corresponding)

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Referred to: _____ Academic & Student Affairs _____.

1 **WHEREAS,** at its October 2006 meeting, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors
2 adopted a four-year plan proposed by UNC General Administration to provide a
3 level of predictability to tuition and fee increases, capping tuition and fee
4 increases to 6.5% per year or lower based on appropriations received by the State
5 of North Carolina; and,
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7 **WHEREAS,** during the two years since this policy was adopted by the Board, particularly
8 within the last six months, the economic climate in the State of North Carolina has
9 deteriorated significantly; and,
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11 **WHEREAS,** as a result of this economic erosion, many North Carolina families are finding it
12 increasingly difficult to continue providing for their children's education in the
13 University while maintaining basic living expenses; and,
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15 **WHEREAS,** at the October 2008 meeting of the Board's Budget & Finance Committee, Vice
16 Chairman *Emeritus* Craig Souza strongly urged the Committee to consider a 1-
17 year moratorium on tuition increases in light of the financial constraints on North
18 Carolina families; and,
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20 **WHEREAS,** following similar concerns expressed by Committee member Estelle "Bunny"
21 Sanders, the Budget & Finance Committee issued a statement to the full Board of
22 Governors conveying its sense of concern regarding the economic climate and
23 deferring further action to the Board's November meeting; and,
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25 **WHEREAS,** as the organization officially designated to represent the interests of students in the
26 deliberations of the Board, the Association was called upon by Vice Chairman
27 *Emeritus* Souza and others to provide a student perspective on the subject of a
28 tuition moratorium or some compromise recommendation; and,
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNC ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

37th SESSION, 2008-2009

WHEREAS, recognizing the diverse nature of its member institutions and the varying needs of the students each represents, the Association has carefully weighed the input of each constituent Student Government on the matter and is prepared to issue the students' recommendations accordingly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments requests the UNC Board of Governors temporarily adopt reduced tuition increase caps for the 2009-2010 academic year; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Association further asks the Board, based on the reasoned input of each constituent Student Government, to enact such reduced caps on a campus-by-campus basis as outlined in the following table:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>09-10 Cap under 4-Yr Plan</u>	<u>09-10 Student Requested Cap</u>
ASU	6.5%	???
ECU	6.5%	???
ECSU	6.5%	???
FSU	6.5%	???
NCAT	5.3%	???
NCCU	3.1%	???
NCSU	6.5%	???
UNCA	3.2%	???
UNCC	6.4%	???
UNCCH	6.5%	???
UNCG	6.5%	???
UNCP	6.5%	???
UNCSA	6.5%	???
UNCW	6.5%	???
WCU	4.3%	???
WSSU	6.5%	???