## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNC ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS 37th SESSION, 2008-2009

## **RESOLUTION 18**

## 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

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

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**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:

Institution	09-10 Cap under 4-Yr Plan	09-10 Student Requested Cap
ASU	6.50%	0.00%
ECU	6.50%	0.00%
ECSU	6.50%	0.00%
FSU	6.50%	2.00%
NCAT	5.30%	0.00%
NCCU	3.10%	2.00%
NCSU	6.50%	3.25%
UNCA	3.20%	3.20%
UNCC	6.40%	6.40%
UNCCH	6.50%	0.00%
UNCG	6.50%	2.00%
UNCP	6.50%	3.00%
UNCSA	6.50%	3.25%
UNCW	6.50%	2.00%
WCU	4.30%	3.00%
WSSU	6.50%	0.00%

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was read twice and adopted by consent in the General Assembly of the UNC Association of Student Governments, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

Ashley M. Yopp Senior Vice President

I hereby signify my approval of the foregoing resolution as adopted by the General Assembly of the UNC Association of Student Governments, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

T. Greg Doucette President