

**RESOLUTION 24****AN ACT REQUESTING THE UNC GENERAL ADMINISTRATION PROMOTE A MORE STUDENT-ORIENTED PROCESS FOR REVIEWING TUITION AND FEES**

**WHEREAS,** the current policy of the UNC Board of Governors regarding campus-initiated tuition increase proposals (UNC Policy Manual 1000.1.1(I)(2)(4)) provides no meaningful guidance to constituent institutions with regard to when it should begin the review process for those increases; and,

**WHEREAS,** similarly, the current policy governing fee increase proposals (Policy Manual 1000.1.1(II)(2)(3)(A)) specifies only that the review process “shall be initiated at the beginning of the fall semester”; and,

**WHEREAS,** both policies also offer little guidance regarding the quality and quantity of participation by students in each process, with the campus-initiated tuition increase policy requiring only “a process that includes consultation with participation by students” (1000.1.1(I)(2)(B)) and the fee increase policy requiring “a fee review committee with representatives of all aspects of campus life, including... the student body” and that the committee’s recommendations “be shared with student government leaders”; and,

**WHEREAS,** the recent review processes for campus-initiated tuition and fee increases for the 2009-2010 academic year revealed substantial differences among the 16 public universities in the timelines for review, with some institutions beginning their review processes soon after the fiscal year began and others not starting until mid-September or later; and,

**WHEREAS,** the review processes also revealed a wide variety of techniques used to incorporate student participation, including greater student representation on tuition and fee advisory committees, open forums for students to provide input, online videos of fee requests, resolutions from campus Student Governments, campus-wide student surveys, and other methods; and,

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**WHEREAS**, while each institution is different and will understandably tailor its tuition and fee review processes to fit its own unique needs, insisting upon an earlier start for the review process and providing information on “best practices” in soliciting student participation would both greatly facilitate student involvement and lead to a more student-oriented tuition and fee review process; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments asks the University of North Carolina General Administration to strongly encourage all institutions to begin their respective tuition increase and fee increase review processes as soon after the start of the fiscal year as practicable; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Association also requests the UNC General Administration to research the various methods for incorporating student participation into the tuition and fee review process and, based on that research, to provide a list of “best practices” to each of the Universities and the Association for their respective usage.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.**

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**Ashley M. Yopp**  
**Senior Vice President**

**I hereby signify my approval of this resolution as adopted by the General Assembly of the UNC Association of Student Governments, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.**

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**T. Greg Doucette**  
**President**