Support to Repeal the Student Success Fee Bill

"A bill requesting that the Board of Regents repeal the Success Success Fee."

Whereas(1): The Student Government Association is the official voice of the Student Body; and,

Whereas(2): In May 2012 the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved the Student Success Fee, which has since been promoted by the University administration to the Student Body as the University Advancement Fee; and,

Whereas(3): Administration failed to provide a detailed plan of the process intended to implement the change in fee policy; and,

Whereas(4): The premise of the Student Success Fee is flawed due to its failure to provide fee-payers with full knowledge about the purpose and use of their fees at the time of their payment; and,

Whereas(5): In a system that upholds fiscal responsibility, students should know where the fee funds will flow to prior to submitting their payments without risk of administration pooling funds freely from different areas.
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): The Student Government Association, on behalf of the Student Body, requests and supports all efforts by the Board of Regents for the immediate repeal of the Student Success Fee; and,

Let it be
Further Enacted(2): In the original 13 fee areas, the Student Government Association requests that the Board of Regents decrease the fees where appropriate if it is found that more funds are being generated than necessary thus leading to the millions of excess funds the administration claimed existed prior to requesting the Student Success Fee; and,

Let it be
Further Enacted(3): The Student Government Association further requests the University administration follow the procedures outlined in State Law should they consider new revenue necessary for existing or non-existent programs, and that it be done with the official support of the Student Government Association, as the official voice of the fee-paying Student Body and primary affected constituency of all programs and services of the University; and,

Let it be
Further Enacted(4): That a copy of this bill be sent to the President of the University, the Vice President of Finance and CFO B.J. Crain, Provost Karan Watson, the Chancellor of the University System, and to each member of the Board of Regents.