



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

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Introduced By: Speaker of the Student Senate Christopher W. Russo, Engineering
Finance Chair J. Cary Cheshire, Liberal Arts
Rules and Regulations Chair Fernando J. Sosa, Liberal Arts
Legislative Affairs Chair Austin Springer, Engineering

Action Taken

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Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Thomas Reid Joseph

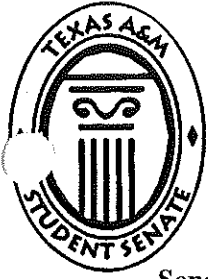
T. Reid Joseph
Student Body President

The University Advancement Fee Increase Proposal Opposition Bill

"A bill opposing the fee proposal presented at the May 1, 2013 Board of Regents Meeting to raise the University Advancement Fee to partially fund Kyle Field Renovations"

- Whereas(1):** On May 1, 2013, the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents will vote on a fee proposal to raise the University Advancement Fee (UAF) by \$2.42 per semester credit hour (\$36.30 for a full time undergraduate student per semester) in addition to raising sports passes with a football option by \$80.36 for a seven home game season¹; and,
- Whereas(2):** This funding is proposed to be used to fund the \$4.93 million annual debt service on the Kyle Field redevelopment project for the East Side; and,
- Whereas(3):** This fee is permanent and increased revenue will only be used on Kyle Field redevelopment until the debt associated with the Kyle Field redevelopment is retired; and,
- Whereas(4) :** Students and student leaders were told throughout the informative process about the fee that this fee would only be used to fund Kyle Field redevelopment and would decrease after the debt was retired; and,

¹ [http://www.tamus.edu/assets/files/bor/pdf/AgendaArchive/2013-05%20Reg/AgendaBook\(May%201,%202013\).pdf](http://www.tamus.edu/assets/files/bor/pdf/AgendaArchive/2013-05%20Reg/AgendaBook(May%201,%202013).pdf) (page 42)



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Whereas(5): The fee proposal does not account for growth in the student body and projects the same number of semester credit hours from FY 2013 to FY 2014,² while significant growth in the student body is expected over the 30 years of debt service associated with the project; and,

Whereas(6): “Any fees requiring Board of Regents (BOR) approval must be routed through the University Fee Review Committee in order to analyze, coordinate and recommend appropriate action on all requests for new or modified student fees and to ensure there is adequate documentation of fee calculations and residual balance;”³ and;

Whereas(7): The Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee (TFAC), which functions as the University Fee Review Committee, was not consulted about the proposed UAF increase; and,

Whereas(8): The SGA Referendum taken in the Spring 2013 elections had 12,352 student responses, resulting in 65.16% voting to “OPPOSE increasing sports pass prices and fees, and support funding the renovations out of funds currently generated by the University Advancement Fee;”⁴

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): The Texas A&M Student Government Association, on behalf of the students of Texas A&M University, oppose the current proposal to increase the University Advancement Fee by \$2.42 per semester credit hour; and,

Let it be

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Enacted(2): The Texas A&M Student Government Association requests that the University provide to both the Texas A&M System Board of Regents and the Texas A&M Student Government Association more information pertaining to projected enrollment growth, growth in fee revenue, a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the Kyle Field East Side redevelopment project, and details about the University Survey, including any text preceding the question issued to students and the process by which the University verified the survey data; and,

² See above (page 44)

³ <http://committees.tamu.edu/committees/index/index/id/54>

⁴ https://vote.tamu.edu/results/index/election_id/12



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Enacted(3): The Texas A&M Student Government Association requests that all fee proposals requiring Board of Regents approval be routed through the Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee prior to presentation before the Board of Regents; and,

Let it be

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Enacted(4): This bill shall be delivered to the following parties as soon as possible after passage:

- 1 The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents
- 2 John S. Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System
- 3 Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M University