RESOLUTION

Date: March 22, 2004
Committee: Legislators
Action: 3rd Reading Item

ECR-04-05-TRUTH IN STUDENT FEES

WHEREAS: Every fulltime student on the campus of Utah State University is required to pay $262.75 in student fees in order to pay for activities, building facilities, athletics, bus service, health and wellness, computers, campus recreation, libraries and music and theater productions.

WHEREAS: The Student Advocate is responsible for chairing the University Student Fee Board for ASUSU.

WHEREAS: According to the charter of the Student Advocate, “the purpose of the University Student Fee Board (USFB) is to provide students with direct input into decision regarding the disposition of student fees.”

WHEREAS: According to Article IV-1 states “The University President, Board of Trustees, and the State Board of Regents shall approve student fees and authorize their collection upon recommendation from the University Student Fee Board.”

WHEREAS: The Utah Board of Regents requires the presidents of each state institution of higher education to fully disclose all tuition increases in the student newspaper and during the “Truth in Tuition” hearing. University Presidents are also required to enhance accountability by soliciting student feedback concerning the administration of tuition.

WHEREAS: Any increases or decrease of University Student Fees should be treated in the same manner as tuition.

WHEREAS: In order to ensure and maintain transparency in the administration of student fees, ASUSU and the University Fee Board should be held publicly accountable for their decisions.
BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED: The ASUSU Student Advocate be required to not only publicly disclose the proceedings of the University Fee Board but also provide a written and oral description of each student fee during a “Truth in Student Fee” hearing to be held each spring. 

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED: This hearing be advertised in the Utah Statesman in at least three consecutive publications in advance.

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