



**RESOLUTION #13-05**  
**FY15 Mandatory Fee Increase**

Date: November 18, 2013

Authored by: Senator Tamelia Hall, President Pro Tempore & Sophomore Senator

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, students are offered a range of services to improve the quality of academic performance, student life, and experience at Valdosta State University, which are covered by mandatory fees, and

**WHEREAS**, the current mandatory fees have not increased in seven to nine years, and

**WHEREAS**, enrollment numbers are below, approximately 4,150 students according to proposals, the projected average set by pro-forma on public private venture projects, and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association was made aware of the fiscal year 2015 proposed fee increases (proposed effective 2014-2015 school year) after approval of proposals by the University Student Mandatory Fee Committee on November 7, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, mandatory fee increase proposals were presented by university personnel to the Student Government Association on November 11, 2013 [*reference attachment A*] in an open forum where questions, commentary, and answers could be provided by the Valdosta State University community,

**WHEREAS**, adherence to the Student Government Association strategic plan has charged senators to gain additional student feedback and suggestions for improvement, and

**WHEREAS**, each senator was charged to vote in support of each increase on November 18, 2013, the last SGA meeting of the semester, in order to show support or opposition of each fee proposal to the Board of Regents by the December 20, 2013 deadline, and

**WHEREAS**, each senator was responsible to engage in conversations to gain diverse student opinions regarding the proposed increases between November 11-18, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association senate requested President Will Jimerson to distribute the talking points of each proposal presented to the Student Government Association via e-mail to the student distribution list-serv [*reference attachment B*] to alert the campus community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association coordinated with *The Spectator*, the independent student newspaper of the University, to spread the word about fee proposals and open forum during the SGA meeting,

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**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association executive board and interested senators attended fee and state of the student services financial briefing on November 7, 2013, preceding the SGA meeting dedicated to informing students and other senators about the proposed increase in mandatory fees, and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association received a plethora of student concern forms and emails from students [*reference attachment C*] regarding mandatory increasing fees for student services, which were thoroughly reviewed and responded to by the executive board and disseminated to each senator via email prior to the support vote in the SGA meeting on November 18, 2013,

**WHEREAS**, The Student Government Association Senate deliberated and voted in support or denial of each of the proposed increase in mandatory fees, and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association was forewarned by the university administration that additional fee increase proposals (*reference attachment D*) will be proposed for the fiscal year 2016 (2015-2016 school year) in transportation, student activities, student recreation center operating, and access card fees, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Student Government Association is in support of the athletic fee proposed increase in the amount of \$25 whereby the votes reflected are 30 in favor, 5 opposed and 5 abstentions, to restore seven percent cuts for each sports program, restore cuts in student scholarships and post-season travel accommodations, adhere to Title IX compliance to hire diverse coaching staff, and restore student assistant and graduate assistant opportunities, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Student Government Association is opposed of the athletic field house facilities and fields fee proposed increase in the amount of \$11 whereby the votes reflected are 14 in favor, 26 opposed and no abstentions, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Student Government Association is in support of the student technology fee proposed increase in the amount \$17 whereby the votes reflected 40 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions, to increase campus bandwidth capacities, increase wireless access points and additional networking options, update smart classrooms and computer labs, provide workshops for student professional development, provide classroom support staff, provide a mobile application for the campus, and coordinate with Parking and Transportation to provide a GPS shuttle tracking application, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Student Government Association is opposed of the parking facilities fee proposed in the amount of \$18 whereby the votes reflected 17 in favor, 23 opposed and no abstentions, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Student Government Association is in support of the health facility and operating fee proposed in the amount of \$23 whereby the votes reflected 30 in favor, 11 opposed and no abstentions, to provide support for increased student demand, provide insurance coverage options for Blue Cross Blue Shield and other insurance providers, and in order to not

discontinue services/programs that are essential to the student well-being i.e. Saturday hours, psychiatric services, free generic prescriptions, x-rays, and reduced staffing, and

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** this resolution displays support from Student Government Association for the following proposed fees: athletics operating, student technology, and health facilities and operating Fees and opposed to the athletic field house and fields and parking facilities for the fiscal year 2015 proposed fee increases,

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be distributed as deemed fit by the Student Government Association President upon passage.

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Initials:	<u>NS</u>	No:	<u>0</u>	Approval Date:	<u>11/18/2013</u>
		Abstain:	<u>0</u>		
Motion:	<u>Senator MATTHEW CONAN</u>		Secondary Mover:	<u>Senator EDGAR JAMES</u>	
<u>APPROVED</u>	DENIED	VETOED	President's Signature:	<u>[Signature]</u>	