

**THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY**

**Senate Resolution 2008/09 – 04**

**A Resolution that offers a compromise to the international fee waiver issue.**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

November 3, 2008

Authored by Minority Affairs Senator Tyler Deitsch and College of Musical Arts Senator Timothy Delnay and Off-Campus Senator Andrew Doepping for the consideration of the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body.

Sponsored by: Senator Enoch Wu

XXXX, 2008

Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for presentation to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body.

XXXX, 2008

Approved by the President of the Undergraduate Student Body, and so ordered into effect.

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The Speaker of the Senate

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The President of the Undergraduate  
Student Body

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*In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,*

1. **WHEREAS** the University is in a time of strained financial resources, causing budgetary
2. restrictions; and
3. **WHEREAS** the University does not have the funds for the continuation of the fee waiver
4. program beyond the Fall 2008 semester; and
5. **WHEREAS** the Center for International Programs (CIP) is facing a carryover budget
6. deficit of 2.5 million dollars; and
7. **WHEREAS** the CIP conducts immigration advising for international students,
8. scholars and undergraduate international admissions; and
9. **WHEREAS** the University has spent 12 million dollars on international fee waivers
10. since the year 2000; and
11. **WHEREAS** international fee waivers were neither needs tested or merit based; and
12. **WHEREAS** international fee waivers were given out directly from the CIP without any
13. input from the Office of Financial Aid; and
14. **WHEREAS** the CIP formerly reported to Continuing and Extended Education; and
15. **WHEREAS** on July 1, 2008 the CIP moved under the Office of the Provost; and
16. **WHEREAS** the Office of the Provost became aware of the 2.5 million dollar deficit and
17. acted in a fiscally responsible manner to address the situation; and
18. **WHEREAS** the number of students on fee waivers has been reduced from 227 students
19. in 2006 to forty-two for the Spring 2009 semester; and
20. **WHEREAS** the current leadership of the CIP has reduced the amount spent on
21. international fee waivers since Fall 2006 by 60%; and
22. **WHEREAS** the CIP already has several newer programs that are producing positive
23. revenue streams to the CIP such as the faculty exchange program and the Bowling Green
24. Language Institute, located in Moseley Hall; and

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25. **WHEREAS** the I-20 form is not a contractual agreement between the University  
26. and individual international students that guarantees the waiver of tuition and fees by the  
27. University, but a document that certifies that both the University and student will  
28. comply with the administrative regulations and federal laws governing international  
29. students; and

30. **WHEREAS** international students are obligated under The United States Citizenship and  
31. Immigration Services regulations governing international students to demonstrate  
32. financial ability to pay for their schooling; and

33. **WHEREAS** the CIP has already researched and worked closely with students to explore  
34. options that include external funding;

35. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the individual students meet with the director  
36. of the CIP, a financial aid officer from the Office of Financial Aid, a representative from  
37. the Bursar's Office, and the students' academic advisor to construct an academic plan to  
38. prepare them to graduate as soon as possible and a financial plan that will help them pay  
39. for the remainder of their education that may include scholarships, grants, and student  
40. loans; and

41. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the BGSU Undergraduate Student Government  
42. supports the CIP's future plans to become more financially self-supporting and  
43. less dependent on the University's general funds; and

44. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that upon passage in the Senate, this resolution  
45. shall be submitted to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body for approval or  
46. veto.

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*Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the President of Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.*

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The Speaker of the Senate

*I do hereby approve, and order  
Legislation into effect as Public  
Act.*

*I do hereby disapprove, and order this  
this Legislation to be returned to the  
Senate.*

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The President of the Undergraduate  
Student Body

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