

1 Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A HUSKY STADIUM RENOVATION**
2 **STUDENT TASKFORCE**

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9 WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional students at the University of Washington
10 share a strong commitment to the success of the Universities athletic programs; and,
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12 WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional student body has shared a long relationship
13 with the University of Washington Football program through their fan support in the
14 Dawg Pack and student seating sections at the Husky Stadium; and,
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16 WHEREAS the University community recognizes the need for vital updates and
17 renovations at Husky Stadium; and,
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19 WHEREAS given the economic climate the Athletics department has had to take it upon
20 themselves to secure their own private funding in order to move forward with the
21 renovation of Husky Stadium; and,
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23 WHEREAS in order to fund this debt the Athletics Department must increase the revenue
24 stream for ticket sales at Husky Stadium; and,
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26 WHEREAS based on this need for increased ticket revenue the Husky Stadium
27 Renovation proposal moves student seating to the West End Zone; and,
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29 WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional Student community believes that it should
30 have been engaged with the Athletic Department earlier in the planning of the Husky
31 Stadium Renovation to help assure that more student feedback was incorporated into the
32 redesign; and,
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34 WHEREAS Graduate and Professional students want to have a stronger voice in the
35 Husky Stadium Renovation decision-making process in order to maintain and enhance
36 the game day experience for student ticket holders as well as for the broader Husky
37 Football community; and,
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39 WHEREAS it is recognized that student ticket holders play a vital role in the game day
40 experience as is exemplified by the fact that ESPN named Husky Stadium the loudest
41 stadium in college football when in 1991 fan noise was recorded at 131 decibels at field
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44 WHEREAS through increased participation in the Athletics Departments planning and
45 decision-making process Graduate and Professional students can continue to have an

46 active role in supporting Husky Athletics, the campus football tradition and be a part of
47 building positive fan/team experiences at the newly renovated Husky Stadium; therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT
50 SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

51 THAT the GPSS supports the creation of a Husky Stadium Renovation Student Task
52 Force in conjunction with ASUW, UW community stakeholders and the UW Athletics
53 Department; and,

54 THAT the task force will be made up of 2 representatives of GPSS (one officer or their
55 proxy and one GPSS Senator at large), representatives of ASUW and various student
56 stakeholders; and,

57 THAT this Task Force will advocate for affordable and stable ticket pricing for students,
58 a student season ticket scholarship program, and other relevant items that emerge from
59 the stakeholders as part of the actions of the Task Force; and
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61 THAT this Task Force will report its proposals and findings back to the GPSS Executive
62 Committee and full Senate; and,
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64 THAT GPSS opposes athletic student fees and disproportionate increases in student
65 ticket prices as a way to fund future athletic program capital projects; and,
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67 THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the University President, the University
68 Provost, the members of the Board of Regents, the University Athletic Director, the Head
69 Coach of the football team, the University Executive Vice-Provost, the University Vice-
70 President for Student Life, the President of the Faculty Senate, the President of ASUW,
71 the President and Board of Trustees of the UW Alumni Association, the Chairman of the
72 Big W Club, the Chairman of the Tyee Club and the captains of the UW football team.
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1. <http://www.gohuskies.com/facilities/wash-husky-stadium.html>