Title: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A UNIVERSAL U-PASS MODEL.

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WHEREAS the current funding model is unsustainable and a new funding model for the U-PASS has become necessary; and

WHEREAS the University of Washington (UW) has been an early and consistent leader nationally in developing sustainable transportation options for the university community and the U-PASS has provided affordable transportation to the University of Washington since 1991; and

WHEREAS the availability of the U-PASS has prevented an estimated 61% increase in University associated traffic in the University District despite growth of the student populations specifically, and the density of the neighborhood generally. This reduction in car trips has meant that the average UW Seattle commuter emits 30% less carbon than the average commuter in our region; and

WHEREAS Washington State’s Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Law, RCW 70.94.521-551, directs state agencies in King and other counties to decrease vehicular travel and limit SOV use and in 2008 the Puget Sound Regional Council highlighted the U-PASS system as a successful example of Transportation Demand Management (TDM); and

WHEREAS many University of Washington graduate and professional students rely on transportation provided by the U-PASS to access education, employment and leisure activities, especially with the majority of students living off-campus; and

WHEREAS due to funding limitations, the price of the U-PASS was forced to rise nearly one hundred percent just two years ago from $50 to $99 and student participation fell from 83% to 66%; and

WHEREAS a change in the funding model of the U-PASS is necessary to the long-term viability of such a program; and

WHEREAS the U-PASS is an integrated, multimodal solution that supports the full range of green transportation option; and

WHEREAS in Spring Quarter 2010 the Student Transportation Taskforce conducted a survey offered to all students faculty and staff at the University of Washington that received over 14,000 responses; and

WHEREAS of all the students who responded to the survey, 92% of all graduate students, 79% of all the students, and 53% of students who did not use U-PASS
supported a Universal U-PASS model that would provide a U-PASS to all students on the
condition that the price is guaranteed to remain between $60 and $80 for at least two
years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports the implementation of a Universal UPASS Model to assure the
continued viability and success of the UPASS program; and

THAT the GPSS commends UW Transportation Services for their leadership and their
commitment to UPASS; and

THAT the GPSS Executive Committee and University of Washington Board of Regents
explore implementation of the proposed Universal U-PASS outlined in the 2010 Student
Transportation Taskforce survey; and

THAT the Puget Sound regional transit partners to U-PASS provide a predictable, fair
method of calculating costs for students in exchange for guaranteed student participation
in the U-PASS program; and

THAT the Graduate and Professional Student Senate reserve the right to withdraw from
the Universal U-PASS program through vote of the Senate if Puget Sound regional transit
partners fail to adhere to a predictable, fair method of calculating costs for students in
exchange for guaranteed student participation in the U-PASS program.

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the University Board of Regents, Interim
President Phyllis Wise, Interim Provost Mary Lidstrom, Dean Jerry Baldasty, UW
Director of Transportation Josh Kavanagh, Mayor Mike McGinn, Seattle City Council,
and the Puget Sound regional transit partners of U-PASS.

Presented to GPSS for approval on November 3, 2011.
Approved on

\[\text{University of Washington Transportation Services}\]
\[\text{U-PASS Profile (UW Department of Transportation Services)}\]