

Title: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FEE INCREASE FOR FY21 FOR THE UNIVERSAL STUDENT U-PASS PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board is composed of three representative from the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) and six representatives from the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW); and

WHEREAS, the Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board is charged with making recommendations to the GPSS and the ASUW for approval regarding the program, including, but not limited to, fee changes and cancellation outlined under the current U-PASS Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the GPSS Senate must approve a proposed fee level following endorsement by the GPSS Executive Committee as outlined under the current U-PASS Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Student U-PASS program anticipates changes to its revenue streams for FY21 jeopardizing its ability to remain in compliance with the terms outlined in the current U-PASS Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Student U-PASS program anticipates that it will not be able to meet its required reserve balance of one twelfth of operating costs in FY21 while maintaining the current fee level of \$84 per academic quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board has favorably recommended that the GPSS, in conjunction with the ASUW, approve an amendment to the current Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Universal Student U-PASS program that increases the U-PASS fee to \$86 per academic quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board has favorably recommended that the GPSS, in conjunction with the ASUW, pass a one year resolution regarding a fee increase for FY21 allowing for the Advisory Board to revisit fee levels for FY22 after more ridership data and information regarding university subsidy policies become available; and

WHEREAS the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Universal Student U-PASS program may be amended "from time to time by written addendum signed by the current ASUW President, GPSS President, Vice President for Student Life, and Director of Transportation Services"; now

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

THAT the GPSS President, in collaboration with the ASUW President, Vice President for Student Life, and the Director of Transportation Services, amend the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Universal Student U-PASS program to read as follows: strike “In Fall 2015, and for the three following quarters, the amount of the Fee shall be \$80 per academic quarter. In Fall 2016, and for the three following quarters, the amount of the fee shall be \$84 per academic quarter. After Summer 2017 the Fee amount may change. Implementation of any changes to the fee shall follow the process outlined below.” and replace it with “In Fall 2020, and for the following three quarters, the amount of the fee shall be \$86 per academic quarter. After Summer 2021 the fee amount may change. Implementation of any changes to the fee shall follow the process outlined below.”; and

THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to GPSS President Giuliana Conti, ASUW President Keltie Pierce, Director of Transportation Services Anne Eskridge, Vice President of Student Life Denzil Suite, Universal Student U-PASS Advisory Board Chair Matt McKeown, and Assistant Director of Student Activities Rene Singleton.