

1 Title: **RESOLUTION URGING THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE**  
2 **TO MAINTAIN ACCESS IN GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**  
3 **BY REINVESTING IN STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

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5 Sponsored by: Sarah Reyneveld (President) and Ben Henry (Vice President)

6  
7 Resolution Number: 02.10-11

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9 WHEREAS the University of Washington is a leader in fostering graduate and  
10 professional education in the State of Washington and Nationally;

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12 WHEREAS the University of Washington teaches and trains professionals essential to  
13 meet employer demand and maintain and further the State of Washington's place in the  
14 global economy;

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16 WHEREAS Washington State is in the midst of a shortage of advanced degrees, having  
17 to import 125 degrees for every 100 produced;<sup>i</sup>

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19 WHEREAS State investment in financial aid incentivizes Washington residents to pursue  
20 an advanced degree;

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22 WHEREAS graduate and professional students are essential to research and teaching  
23 practices University-wide;

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25 WHEREAS the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board's (HECB) Strategic  
26 Master Plan Goals for 2010 included an increase of master's, doctorate, and professional  
27 degrees<sup>ii</sup>;

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29 WHEREAS the current production of degrees are below the HECB's targets;

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31 WHEREAS an emphasis on educational outcomes means the State has an obligation to  
32 mitigate barriers to degree completion;

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34 WHEREAS graduate and professional tuition has continued to rise significantly and  
35 unpredictably, with an increase of up to 14% most recently<sup>iii</sup>;

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37 WHEREAS average debt for a graduate or professional degree is \$40,297<sup>iv</sup>;

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39 WHEREAS the 2011 Governor's budget proposes to reduce the Washington State Work  
40 Study Program by 47 percent;

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42 WHEREAS the 2011 Governor's budget proposes the continued suspension of Future  
43 Teachers Conditional Scholarship and Loan Repayment, Washington State Work Study  
44 Program, the Health Professions Scholarship, and Child Care Matching Grants;

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46 WHEREAS the Graduate Fellowship Trust Account was suspended in the 2010  
47 supplemental budget and has not been reinstated;

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

51 THAT the GPSS urges the Washington State Legislature to invest in graduate and  
52 professional student aid programs;

53 THAT the GPSS urges the restoration of the Washington State Work Study Program;

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55 THAT the GPSS urges investments in the Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship and  
56 Loan Repayment Program; the Washington State Work Study Program; the Health  
57 Professions Scholarship; and the Child Care Matching Grants;

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59 THAT the GPSS supports the restoration of the Graduate Fellowship Trust Account and  
60 the Distinguished Professorship Program;

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62 THAT this resolution be forwarded to ASUW President Madeleine McKenna; UW  
63 President Phyllis Wise; UW Provost Mary Lidstrom; Gov. Christine Gregoire; Speaker of  
64 the House Rep. Frank Chopp; Senate Majority Leader Sen. Lisa Brown; Senate Higher  
65 Education & Workforce Development Committee Chair Sen. Rodney Tom; and House  
66 Higher Education Committee Chair Rep. Larry Seaquist.

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69 | *Approved on [Feb. 9, 2011](#)*

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<sup>i</sup> Higher Education Coordinating Board, "The Impact of Interstate Migration on Human Capital Development in Washington," September 2010, [www.hecb.wa.gov/research/documents/2010migrationReport-final.pdf](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/research/documents/2010migrationReport-final.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board, Review of Strategic Master Plan Goals for 2010 Office of Planning and Budgeting. "10-Year History of Tuition and Mandatory Fees".

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.washington.edu/admin/pb/home/pdf/tuition/2009-10-tf-history.pdf> Accessed 2/2/11

<sup>iv</sup> National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, Advocacy Training Information

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

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4 Sponsored by: Sarah Reyneveld (GPSS President), Shawn L. Mincer (GPSS Secretary),  
5 Aaron Naumann (Anthropology)

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7 | Resolution Number: [03.10-11](#)  
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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  
42 | level [[1](#)]; and,  
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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>

Title: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GPSS FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND THIS YEAR'S SAGE DAY ON THE HILL.

Sponsored by: Sarah Reyneveld (GPSS President), Ben Henry (GPSS Vice President), Shawn Mincer (GPSS Secretary), Marc Jaffrey (GPSS Treasurer), Matt Souza (Business), Adam Sherman (SAGE Delegate), Aaron Naumann (Executive Senator), Charles Plummer (Executive Senator), and Paul Myoung (Executive Senator).

Resolution Number: 04.10-11

WHEREAS in the Fall of 2008, the University of Texas at Austin sponsored the 2008 Graduate Governance and Advocacy Summit, which brought together the graduate governments of the nation's preeminent public universities, including the University of Washington (UW), and created Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) in order to promote quality of life, quality of education, access, and affordability of education for graduate students at public institutions<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS SAGE represents over 120,000 graduate and professional students nationwide, including over 12,000 at UW; and

WHEREAS since 2008, the UW Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) President, Vice President and delegates have taken leadership in SAGE by hosting and attending annual planning summits, building the organizational strength of SAGE, and advocating on behalf of graduate and professional students in Washington, D.C. each spring; and

WHEREAS federal funding is critical to maintaining the quality of UW's graduate and professional programs; and

WHEREAS the Obama administration proposes to cut \$100 billion from higher education over 10 years including reducing loan subsidies for graduate and professional students by \$2 billion next year and by \$29 billion over 10 years<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS the "Pledge to America" budget proposal by House Republicans would cut funding to research programs by as much as 20% for fiscal year 2011; and

WHEREAS federal student advocacy in support of graduate and professional programs is essential for the UW to maintain its status as the top public federal research funding recipient in the country.<sup>3</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> Student Advocates for Graduate Education. [www.sagecoalition.org](http://www.sagecoalition.org)

<sup>2</sup> Office of Management and Budget, "Fiscal Year 2012 Budget of the U.S. Government."

<sup>3</sup> University of Washington (2008) (PDF), *Annual Report Of Awards And Expenditures Related To Research, Training, Fellowships, and Other Sponsored Programs*, University of Washington

THAT GPSS supports its continued leadership role within SAGE; and

THAT GPSS supports reducing graduate and professional student indebtedness through legislation to expand the income-based repayment and income<sup>4</sup>; and

THAT GPSS supports allowing for the forgiveness of some student loans for graduate students who pursue careers in government, the nonprofit sector or other areas of public service<sup>5</sup>; and

THAT GPSS supports restoring tax exempt status of graduate scholarships and fellowships<sup>6</sup>; and

THAT GPSS supports increasing the number of H1-B visas and removing unnecessary and burdensome restrictions associated with F-1 visas<sup>7</sup>; and

THAT GPSS supports international graduate and professional students through legislation that removes some restrictions on the number of H1B visas granted and that creates a path for immigrants to gain citizenship by earning a higher education degree; and

THAT GPSS supports maintaining funding for graduate student education and the more than \$1.2 billion in federally funded research grants UW receives, particularly but not limited to those provided by the NSF, NEA, NASA, NIH, CDC, Department of Defense, Department of Energy and NEH; and

THAT GPSS supports funding for graduate and professional student financial aid in light of the Obama Administration's proposed decrease in loan subsidies; and

THAT GPSS supports SAGE's efforts to fight against the elimination of graduate student in-school loan subsidies and cuts to other forms of graduate financial aid; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to UW Interim President Phyllis Wise, UW Interim Provost Mary Lindstrom, the UW Board of Regents, UW Federal Relations Director Christy Gullion, and Washington State's congressional delegation.

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*Approved on March 2, 2011*

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<sup>4</sup> [www.sagecoalition.org/sites/default/files/SAGE2010Indebtedness.pdf](http://www.sagecoalition.org/sites/default/files/SAGE2010Indebtedness.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> [www.sagecoalition.org/sites/default/files/SAGE2010Tax.pdf](http://www.sagecoalition.org/sites/default/files/SAGE2010Tax.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> [www.sagecoalition.org/sites/default/files/SAGE2010Immigration.pdf](http://www.sagecoalition.org/sites/default/files/SAGE2010Immigration.pdf).

1 Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING THE EVANS SCHOOL,**  
2 **INFORMATION SCHOOL, AND INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**  
3 **GENETICS.**

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5 Sponsored by: Kelsey Knowles (Evans School of Public Affairs), Colin Morgan-Cross  
6 (Evans School of Public Affairs), James Rosenzweig (Information School), Jonathan  
7 Kocarnik (Public Health Genetics), Alan Foster (Evans Student Organization), Andrew  
8 Erwin (Evans Student Organization)

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10 Written by: Kelsey Knowles (Evans School of Public Affairs), Jonathan Kocarnik  
11 (Public Health Genetics), Andrew Erwin (Evans Student Organization)

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13 Resolution Number: 05.10-11

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15 WHEREAS according to the U.S. News and World Report of 2010<sup>i</sup>, the Evans School of  
16 Public Affairs ranked fourth in Environmental Management and Policy overall, and in the  
17 top three public schools of public affairs for this specialization; ranked fifth in Nonprofit  
18 Management overall, and in the top three public schools of public affairs for this  
19 specialization; ranked thirteenth in Public Management Administration overall, and in the  
20 top eight public schools of public affairs for this specialization; and ranked sixteenth in  
21 Public Policy Analysis overall, and in the top eight public schools of public affairs for  
22 this specialization; and,

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24 WHEREAS in 2009-2010 the Evans School of Public Affairs had over 400 enrolled  
25 students seeking a degree, and more in non-degree classes and certificate programs; and,

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27 WHEREAS in the 2009-10 academic year, Evans School students completed over 80,000  
28 hours of direct public service through internships<sup>ii</sup>; and,

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30 WHEREAS UW Graduate School Ten Year Review Committee in 2005 found the  
31 independence of the Evans School was one of its key strengths<sup>iii</sup>; and,

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33 WHEREAS the Information School—coined the “iSchool” on the UW campus—is a  
34 strategic initiative of the University of Washington that has become recognized as an  
35 outstanding success and role model for the establishment and development of  
36 Information Schools worldwide<sup>iv</sup>; and,

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38 WHEREAS in the U.S. News and World Report rankings for schools with library and  
39 information science programs, the UW Information School is ranked fourth in the nation  
40 overall; first for law librarianship, second for services for children and youth, third for  
41 health librarianship, and fourth for information systems<sup>v</sup>; and,

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43 WHEREAS in 2009-2010 the Information School had over 600 enrolled students seeking  
44 a degree, and more in non-degree classes and certificate programs; and,

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46 WHEREAS as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) major, the  
47 Information School’s Bachelor of Science in Informatics Degree and Master of Science  
48 in Information Management Degree are defined as public interest degrees for the state;  
49 and,

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51 WHEREAS Information School students have been placed in numerous jobs and  
52 internships in a diverse array of companies across Washington State, including Amazon,  
53 Ascentium, Boeing, Deloitte Consulting, Disney Interactive Media Group, Hewlett-  
54 Packard, Microsoft, REI, Starbucks, Weyerhaeuser, etc.; and,

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56 WHEREAS the Institute for Public Health Genetics is the only program in the U.S.  
57 offering graduate degrees in genetics whose graduates go on to advocate for the effective  
58 and ethical integration of genetic and genomic science into the public domain locally,  
59 nationally, and internationally; and

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61 WHEREAS the University of Washington is an internationally-recognized leader in the  
62 emerging field of Public Health Genetics, influencing the gamut of public health genetic  
63 issues, from the individual patient to the policies of healthcare systems and beyond<sup>vi</sup>; and

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65 WHEREAS the Institute for Public Health Genetics attracts and retains top talent to the  
66 University and state of Washington, bringing in highly-accomplished students and faculty  
67 who research and impact the ethical, social, political, legal, medical, economic, scientific,  
68 and pharmaceutical implications of genetic science to human society; and

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70 WHEREAS the UW Graduate School performed a 5 year review of IPHG and found the  
71 program to be “an innovative interdisciplinary program that is the first of its kind in the  
72 world” and “an inspiring model for other interdisciplinary programs”<sup>vii</sup>; and

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74 WHEREAS on February 23, 2011, University of Washington Interim President Phyllis  
75 Wise sent a letter to elected officials of the Washington State Legislature that outlined the  
76 anticipated University impacts associated with proposed state budget reductions; and,

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78 WHEREAS a significant reduction in course and degree offerings—as well as a  
79 consolidation of the Evans School of Public Affairs with another college, and the  
80 Information School with another college – has been considered in the mentioned letter;  
81 and,

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83 WHEREAS other reduced educational choices may result in the elimination of  
84 educational units like the College of Education’s Foreign Language Certification  
85 Program for Teachers and the School of Public Health’s Institute for Public Health  
86 Genetics; and,

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88 WHEREAS University of Washington Provost Mary Lidstrom is meeting with all  
89 University senior leadership and student leaders to discuss how to adjust to these  
90 significantly reduced funding levels while ensuring a viable and quality academic  
91 program offering for students and the state; therefore,



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

THAT the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics, are valuable assets as independent units on the University of Washington Seattle campus; and,

THAT many undergraduate and graduate students come to the University of Washington Seattle campus explicitly because of the programs offered by the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics; and,

THAT the quality educational programs provided by the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics, are key to the mission of the University of Washington; and,

THAT every attempt should be made in budgetary considerations to maintain the quality and educational excellence of the Evans School of Public Affairs, the Information School, the Institute for Public Health Genetics, and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Interim President Phyllis Wise, Provost Mary Lidstrom, Dean of the Evans School of Public Affairs Sandra Archibald, Dean of the Information School Harry Bruce, Dean of the School of Public Health Howard Frumkin, the Board of Regents, and Graduate and Professional Student Senate President Sarah Reyneveld.

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<sup>i</sup> U.S. News and World Report, Graduate School Public Affairs Rankings. Retrieved from <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-public-affairs-schools/public-affairs-rankings> on March 31st 2011.

<sup>ii</sup> Evans School of Public Affairs, Key Facts. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, 2011.

<sup>iii</sup> University of Washington Graduate School Program 10-Year Review, Evans School of Public Affairs (2005), Retrieved from <http://www.washington.edu/about/accreditation/reviews/PubAffairs2.pdf> on March 31st, 2011

<sup>iv</sup> Dean Harry Bruce, iSchool Program Evaluation Initiative Response. Department and Non-departmentalized School and College Program Evaluation. Page 1. 2010.

<sup>v</sup> U.S. News and World Report, Graduate School Public Affairs Rankings. Retrieved from <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-library-information-science-programs/library-information-science-rankings> on March 31st 2011.

<sup>vi</sup> University of Washington Graduate School External Review Committee Report, Program 5-Year Review, Public Health Genetics (2009), Retrieved from <http://www.washington.edu/about/accreditation/noflyouts.html#PHGPhD> on March 31st, 2011.

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<sup>vii</sup> University of Washington Graduate School External Review Committee Report, Program 5-Year Review, Public Health Genetics (2009), Retrieved from <http://www.washington.edu/about/accreditation/noflyouts.html#PHGPhD> on March 31st, 2011.

1 Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UAW LOCAL 4121 BARGAINING EFFORTS**

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3 **Sponsored by: Shawn Mincer (Social Work), Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences), Aaron Naumann**  
4 **(Anthropology), Marc Jaffrey (Earth and Space Sciences), Ben Henry (Evans School of Public Affairs), Sarah**  
5 **Reyneveld (School of Law), David Parsons (English), Jean Dinh (Medicinal Chemistry) and Phil Harding**  
6 **(Neurobiology)**

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8 **Written by: David Parsons (English) and Phil Harding (Neurobiology)**

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10 **Resolution Number: 06.10-11**

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12 WHEREAS UAW Local 4121 represents approximately 4,500 graduate and undergraduate Academic Student  
13 Employees (ASEs) at the University of Washington, many of which are constituents of the Graduate and  
14 Professional Student Senate (GPSS); and

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16 WHEREAS ASEs (Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, Tutors, Graders and others performing similar work)  
17 are responsible for much of the critical frontline work that makes the University of Washington (UW) an  
18 internationally recognized institution of higher education: conducting research that helps bring \$1.42<sup>i</sup> billion in  
19 grants and contracts into the University; providing more than half of the instructional contact hours to the 42,000  
20 undergraduates who attend UW; and helping to make UW competitive in attracting first-rate students from all over  
21 the world; and

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23 WHEREAS, after subtracting mandatory fees, the average compensation for ASE's at UW lags 7% behind the  
24 average for peer institutions in Global Challenge States<sup>ii</sup>, making the University of Washington less competitive in  
25 maintaining quality in research and instruction; and

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27 WHEREAS the budget for grants and contracts, which fund approximately 60% of ASEs, has increased by 23%  
28 over the previous year (an additional \$269 million<sup>iii</sup>), with continuing grants already budgeting annual increases for  
29 ASEs; and

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31 WHEREAS the cost of waiving fees for TAs/RAs not paid by grants is equivalent to less than .2% of the UW  
32 operating budget; and

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34 WHEREAS with the current salary freeze, a typical ASE will lose nearly 8% of his/her yearly wages to student fees  
35 that must be paid as a condition of employment<sup>iv</sup>; and

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37 WHEREAS the University has overpaid insurance companies for the GAIP Health Plan since 2002 in an amount  
38 estimated to be as much as ten million dollars; and

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40 WHEREAS the lack of access to adequate childcare resources prevents ASEs, disproportionately women, from  
41 entering the academic workforce; and

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43 WHEREAS Local 4121 members voted overwhelmingly (98%) in favor of the bargaining agenda; and

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45 WHEREAS the current UAW Local 4121 contract is set to expire on April 30, 2011;

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

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50 THAT GPSS supports the Local 4121 Bargaining Team's proposals for waivers of mandatory fees; improvements  
51 to the health insurance benefits to cover families more affordably and protect ASEs from extraordinary costs;  
52 improvements to student/instructor ratios by restoring cuts that were made to instructional positions in previous  
53 years; and improved childcare benefits; and

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55 THAT GPSS urges the Administration and the University Bargaining Team to come to a quick and amenable  
56 agreement on a new contract that prioritizes access and quality at UW; and

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58 THAT this resolution be forwarded to UW Interim President Phyllis Wise; UW Interim Provost Mary Lidstrom; the  
59 UW Board of Regents; Mindy Kornberg, Vice President for Human Resources; and David Parsons, UAW Local  
60 4121 President.

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62 Presented to GPSS for approval on April 13, 2011

63 Approved on April 13, 2011

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i. [http://www.washington.edu/research/SITEPARTS/documents/reportsAnnual/09Annual\\_Report - Fiscal Year 2010.pdf](http://www.washington.edu/research/SITEPARTS/documents/reportsAnnual/09Annual_Report_-_Fiscal_Year_2010.pdf)

ii. [http://www.washington.edu/externalaffairs/globalchallenge/2008\\_report/benchmark.pdf](http://www.washington.edu/externalaffairs/globalchallenge/2008_report/benchmark.pdf) (explanation of Global Challenge States)

iii. [http://www.washington.edu/research/SITEPARTS/documents/reportsAnnual/09Annual\\_Report - Fiscal Year 2010.pdf](http://www.washington.edu/research/SITEPARTS/documents/reportsAnnual/09Annual_Report_-_Fiscal_Year_2010.pdf)

iv. Amount of mandatory unwaived fees divided by typical wage over the next three years

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

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3 Sponsored by: Shawn L. Mincer (Secretary), Charles Plummer (Earth and Space  
4 Sciences) and Sarah Reyneveld (President)  
5 Written by: Shawn L. Mincer (Secretary), Charles Plummer (Earth and Space Sciences)  
6 and Sarah Reyneveld (President)

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8 Resolution Number: 10.27-11  
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10 WHEREAS the current funding model is unsustainable and a new funding model for the  
11 U-PASS has become necessary; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS Washington State's Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Law, RCW 70.94.521-  
23 551, directs state agencies in King and other counties to decrease vehicular travel and  
24 limit SOV use and in 2008 the Puget Sound Regional Council highlighted the U-PASS  
25 system as a successful example of Transportation Demand Management (TDM); and

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

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

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

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

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

40 WHEREAS of all the students who responded to the survey, 92% of all graduate  
41 students, 79% of all of the students, and 53% of students who did not use U-PASS

42 supported a Universal U-PASS model that would provide a U-PASS to all students on the  
43 condition that the price is guaranteed to remain between \$60 and \$80 for at least two  
44 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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68 *Presented to GPSS for approval on November 3, 2011.*

69 *Approved on*

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<sup>i</sup> University of Washington Transportation Services

<sup>ii</sup> U-PASS Profile (UW Department of Transportation Services)