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Bill 09-004

“Resolution to Reaffirm a Student Union Fee”

Sponsored by Christian Haas

Whereas: The University of South Florida St. Petersburg’s Master Plan calls for a future Student Union, and has land reserved for such a project; and

Whereas: The University of South Florida St. Petersburg is the only campus of its size within the State University System without a Student Union (taken from Florida Legislative Bill HB- 917- CS); and

Whereas: The University of South Florida St. Petersburg’s enrollments are growing significantly, especially with first time in college and residence hall students; and

Whereas: The Student Union would support the growth of the student population at USFSP by housing meeting rooms, dining facilities, classroom space, study areas, club offices, multiuse lecture hall and further student housing and it would also serve as a social center for students living both on campus and off (taken from Florida Legislative Bill HB-917-CS); and

Whereas: According to the 03-04 student government president, a number of town hall meetings were held by the USFSP Student Government where a majority of students were in favor of creating a fee to finance construction on a Student Center (taken from Florida Legislative Bill HB-917-CS); and

Whereas: A Student Union fee was approved and unanimously passed by the Florida Legislature in both 2005 and 2006; and

Whereas: \$1,780,000 has already been allocated from Capitol Investment Trust Funds to plan and design a Student Union to be built on the afore mentioned land; and

Whereas: A survey of the 2007-2008 Student Body indicated that approximately 60% of those surveyed were willing to accept a fee increase for additional services; and

Whereas: Of the services suggested in the 07-08 Student Body survey, a student union ranked 2nd behind a proposed health clinic as the most desired addition to the campus; and

Whereas: The construction of a Student Union would result in available space and an opportunity to create a Health Clinic; and

Whereas: The University of South Florida St. Petersburg’s strategic plan calls for three additional residence halls, indicating that more food service, student gathering, activity and meeting space is needed on campus; and

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Whereas: The 2006- 2007 USFSP Student Government built basketball and volleyball courts adjacent to proposed Student Union land, with the intention that the courts compliment a future Student Union; and

Whereas: A Student Union would foster a vibrant student life on the USFSP campus indicating growth in clubs and organizations, available entertainment space and a focal point of student life; and

Whereas: The 2008-2009 Student Government unanimously approved the aforementioned bill

Therefore, Let it be Resolved: That the Student Government Association of USFSP supports the creation and collection of fees to fund the construction and operation of a Student Union, and

Let it be further resolved: That the Student Government Association recommends to the Chancellor of USFSP that a Student Fee Committee be convened immediately to determine an appropriate fee structure that would ensure the successful and speedy completion of a Student Union, and

Let it be further resolved: That the total of the activity and service, health, athletic and student union support fees that a student is required to pay to register for a course at USFSP not exceed a cap of 40% of tuition, and

Let it be further resolved: That this resolution, act as a sign of intent from the 2009-2010 Student Government Association on behalf of the Student Body, that it continues to support the implementation of said fees.

Approve:

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Jonathan Ellington

Student Body President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katelyn Shatz", written over a horizontal line.

Katelyn Shatz

Senate President Pro Tempore

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