RESOLUTION
Council of Graduate Students – University of Minnesota
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Topic: Increased transparency in the Collegiate Fees Charged to all Students

Whereas, all students must pay mandatory collegiate fees that are to pay for:

‘...“goods and services that directly benefit students but that are not part of actual classroom instruction”. Allowable goods and services include advising, career services, computer labs, special equipment, orientation activities and other goods or activities intended to enhance the student experience outside of actual classroom instruction.’¹

Whereas, collegiate fees continue to increase each year, with an average increase of 38.8% in Fiscal Year 12, with limited explanation as to the reasons for the dramatic increase; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Council of Graduate Students respectfully requests that the Senate Committee on Finance and Planning or another appropriate body conduct an audit to: 1) ensure these funds are being used for their intended purposes and 2) explain the striking increase in fees charged by some colleges. Such audits shall recur every 3-5 years to ensure all fee money is being spent appropriately.

Resolved, that a graduate student representative be present at future meetings of each respective college to discuss alteration to the fee charged or how it is spent within each college.

¹ President’s Recommended FY12 Provisional Operating Budget Plan, page 21