

27 April 2008

**Resolution 2008.01, whose purpose is to:**

*Recommend a Meeting of Administration and the Graduate Student Body to Discuss the Technology Fee*

**WHEREAS**, the Technology fee was instituted without consultation of the graduate student body;

**WHEREAS**, the Technology fee was instituted without adequate notice to the graduate student body;

**WHEREAS**, the Technology fee was instituted without an explicit or consistent explanation of the following:

- The duration of the fee;
- The purpose of the fee;
- The methods by which the fee would be assessed;
- The groups from whom the fee would be assessed; or
- A comparative analysis of similar fees assessed by peer institutions;

**WHEREAS**, there is broad inconsistency with the ways in which the Technology fee is being defrayed within the Schools and the College;

**WHEREAS**, the Technology fee's institution was not properly communicated to University faculty or deans; and

**WHEREAS**, neither the structure nor the capabilities of the Student Information System, which is the purported reason for the institution of the Technology Fee, have been described or explained to the graduate student body;

***Therefore, by the Graduate Student Senate acting in full session, be it***

**RESOLVED**, that a formal request is made of the responsible University administrators to have an open forum with the graduate student body to:

- Define the duration of the Technology fee;
- Exhaustively enumerate the items to which the assessed monies are applied;
- Explain the entire process through which said monies pay for said items;
- Provide a comparison of the size and assessment methods of CWRU's Technology fee to those of our peer institutions; and
- Field questions and listen to concerns from the graduate student body that relate to the Technology fee;

**RESOLVED**, that University administrators actively consider graduate students' concerns and suggestions that relate to the Technology fee, responding in a timely fashion and in writing to the Graduate Student Senate;

**RESOLVED**, that University Administration will distribute an announcement of the Technology fee to all University faculty and deans that contains a precise amount that is charged to the students, the purpose of the fee, and the ways in which it is assessed; and

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be sent to the following:

- Barbara R. Snyder, *President*

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- Jerold Goldberg, *Interim Provost and Dean of the School of Dentistry*
- John Wheeler, *Senior Vice President of Administration*
- John Sideras, *Interim Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer*
- Christine Ash, *Vice President for Planning and Budget*
- Donald L. Feke, *Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education*
- Lev S. Gonick, *Vice President for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer*
- Glenn Nicholls, *Vice President for Student Affairs*
- Lynn Singer, *Deputy Provost and Vice President for Academic Programs*
- Pamela Bowes Davis, *Dean of the School of Medicine*
- Grover Gilmore, *Dean of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences*
- Mohan Reddy, *Dean of the Weatherhead School of Management*
- Charles Rozek, *Dean of Graduate Studies*
- Gary J. Simson, *Dean of the School of Law*
- Cyrus Taylor, *Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*
- Norman Tien, *Dean of the Case School of Engineering*
- May L. Wykle, *Dean of the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing*

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Graduate Student Senate by



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2007-2008 GSS President