



RESOLUTION: 2014-15 Graduate Student Activity Fee

BE IT RESOLVED that, beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year, the graduate student activity fee structure for the University of San Diego shall be based on the number of units in which a graduate student enrolls in the fall and spring semesters: \$30 for students enrolled in 7 or more units; \$20 for students enrolled in 3.5 to 6.5 units; and \$10 for students enrolled in 3 or less units, as recommended by the Graduate Student Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the graduate student activity fee is assessed at the beginning of every fall and spring semester and will increase each succeeding fiscal year—to the nearest \$0.50—based on the lowest percentage of tuition increase in graduate student tuition, as approved that year by the Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the graduate student activity fee for the winter intersession and summer session will be assessed to each enrolled graduate student, (excluding Law) at \$2 per enrolled unit. This fee will increase yearly at the same rate as the fall and spring semester graduate student activity fee, as recommended by the Graduate Student Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon collection, all graduate student activity fee funds are to be distributed as follows: 20% to the Graduate Student Council agency fund, and 80% to the individual graduate school association or program agency funds (excluding Law) based on the number of students then enrolled in that graduate school

(i.e., headcount), as recommended by the Graduate Student Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 20% of the portion of the graduate student activity fee funds distributed to the individual graduate school associations or programs are required to be dedicated to funding graduate student research and/or professional development for graduate students currently enrolled in that school or program, as recommended by the Graduate Student Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all law school students enrolled at the beginning of the fall semester will be assessed a \$10 graduate student activity fee at the beginning of the semester that will be distributed to the Graduate Student Council's agency fund. This fee will increase yearly at the same rate as the graduate student activity fee, as recommended by the Graduate Student Council.

ORIGIN: Graduate Student Council

SUPPORT: This fee structure creates funding for graduate research and professional development that was not previously available.

The graduate student activity fee is decreased for those students enrolled in 3 or less units because they are infrequently on campus. Additionally, the fee structure—with 3 tiers instead of the current 2 tiers—mirrors the Associated Students' fee structure for undergraduate students.

Because law students do not currently contribute in a systemized way to the Graduate Student Council's agency fund, yet take advantage of opportunities provided by the Council, a process is needed for their regular and recurring contribution so they can continue attending events sponsored by the Graduate Student Council.

The Graduate Student Council has deemed this process to be equitable, transparent, and to preserve the headcount methodology of allocating funds already in place to distribute the graduate student activity fee.

The process addresses future funding needs with a methodology for increasing the fee each fiscal year.

The process will help reduce the Graduate Student Council agency funds from being carried forward in future years.

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