WHEREAS, the Student Senate Bylaws currently discuss Differential Tuition (DT) in multiple locations; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “A” shows Article 4, Section 8 of the Student Senate Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, this passage, with the underlined changes and strikethroughs, is more clear in its meaning of recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “A” also shows Article 8, Section 7 of the Student Senate Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, this passage, with the underlined changes and strikethroughs, is more clear and consistent with changes in Attachment “C”; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “B” shows Article 11, Section 1, Section A of the
Student Senate Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, currently, point 2 details the DT timeline; and

WHEREAS, by summarizing the timeline in Attachment “C,” it becomes unnecessary to detail it in point 2 of this section of the Bylaws and thus, a brief statement on Differential Tuition is sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the underlined changes of point 2 clearly describe what Differential Tuition is and points the reader to Section A-5 of the Student Government Handbook found in the binders of Senate’s members; and

WHEREAS, point 4 was out of date as well because of the recent creation of the College of Nursing & Health Sciences and the College of Education & Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, by adjusting the names of the chairpersons, we are keeping up with the current bureaucracy of the University; and

WHEREAS, Attachment “C” is a summary of Differential Tuition, as well as it details the procedures and process of DT; and

WHEREAS, Section II of Attachment “C” is a summary of the current categories of DT; and

WHEREAS, the significant addition to the descriptions comes in letter F, Innovative Projects, where it states, “it is the goal for Innovative Projects that projects are funded no more than three years through this category.”; and

WHEREAS, this three year maximum has been discussed in previous sessions but has not been acted upon; and

WHEREAS, this maximum also brought up the need for a procedure for
adding and removing categories of DT; and

WHEREAS, Section III of Attachment “C” details the procedures required for adding or removing a category; and

WHEREAS, there may be a need to not fund a category for an extended period of time and letter B of Section III details that process; and

WHEREAS, Section IV of Attachment “C” details the Automatic Fee Increase of DT; and

WHEREAS, this fee increase is current practice, according to 46-B-4, and any changes to the fee increase will need to be dealt with in a separate bill; and

WHEREAS, Section IV simply describes the current practice so that the information is available to Senate members; and

WHEREAS, Section V of Attachment “C” along with the back page details the timeline and process of DT; and

WHEREAS, a significant message to note in Section V is the statement, “it is understood that the ranges approved by Student Senate will be honored by the Provost/Vice Chancellor’s Office when assessing proposals and determining the next year’s allocation.”; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Commission believes this statement needs to be a matter of public record in an effort to show cooperation between Student Senate and the Provost/Vice Chancellor’s Office; and

WHEREAS, there are significant changes to the Differential Tuition Timeline, shown by the underlined passages; and

WHEREAS, number 7 is the major revision of the timeline; and
WHEREAS, with the revision, at the time of the resolution approving the final allocation numbers, the Provost’s office will provide the itemized list of the proposals and which proposals were allocated what amounts; and

WHEREAS, this is a level of transparency that Student Senate has previously requested; and

WHEREAS, Student Senate appreciates the commitment of the Provost’s Office to transparency in the process and looks forward to this next step in collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the format of the timeline has changed to accommodate the inconvenience of having a legal sized sheet of paper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Student Senate supports the Bylaw amendments in Attachments “A-C”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Attachment “C” be placed in the Student Government Handbook as A-5 with the rest of the numbers in Section A adjusted accordingly; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Wagner transmit copies of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student Services; Dr. Steven Tallant, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Stephanie Jamelske, Academic Affairs Budget Officer; Dr. Donald Mowry, Director, Service Learning; Jeanne Skoug, Director, Career Services; Dr. Karen Havholm, Interim Assistant, Research & Sponsored Programs; Dr. Andrew Phillips, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Jan Morse, Administrative Officer, Academic Affairs; Dr. Kimberly Barrett, Associate Vice
Chancellor, Student Development & Diversity; Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity; and Mary Ryan-Miller, Associate Dean of Student Development.