A Resolution—

To be known as "A Resolution Calling for an Increase in Texas State University’s LBJ Student Center Fee," which would fund an expansion of the LBJ Student Center.

1 WHEREAS: Texas State University is a thriving university that continues to experience record growth and expansion in student population yearly; and

2 WHEREAS: Since the construction of the current Student Center model, Texas State University has seen an increase of about 19,000 students; and

3 WHEREAS: The current model of the LBJ Student Center is vastly undersized and fails to meet the rapid growth and needs of the student body; and

4 WHEREAS: The LBJ Student Center pales in comparison to other universities having an average of 2.2 less square footage per student; and
WHEREAS: Texas State is committed to ensuring student involvement, and has seen a rapid increase in active student organizations, from about 180 to 375 in seventeen years; and

WHEREAS: The current Student Center model is unable to provide adequate ballroom space to a monthly average of twenty to thirty student organizations seeking to host a large group event; and

WHEREAS: In addition, the number of meeting room requests being denied to student organizations is at an average of thirty-five per semester; and

WHEREAS: These organizations may utilize the benefits of an expansion through receiving more accessible meeting areas, and resources to assist them in their efforts to expand student involvement; and

WHEREAS: The LBJ Student Center fee has not seen an increase since 2004; and

WHEREAS: Per Student Affairs Policies and Procedures for conducting Student Referendums, the Student Government President has the authority to issue a referendum in order to call for an increase in the Student Center fee, with 2/3 approval of the Senate; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED: That Student Government supports a fee increase of thirty-six dollars for the purpose of expansion of the LBJ Student Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the thirty-six-dollar fee would be spread out evenly in an increment of eighteen dollars beginning in the Fall of 2017, and fully implemented in the Fall of 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon passage of this piece of legislation, which will require a two-thirds Senate vote, the Student Body President call for a referendum for the proposed fee increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon the call for the referendum, the Director of Marketing and Public Relations coordinate with the Dean of Students Office to release publicity concerning the referendum through both print and electronic media; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the release of the publicity be done at least (10) days before the referendum vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon passage, this piece of legislation be forwarded to Student Body
President Lauren Stotler for further action.