A Resolution –

To be known as “A Resolution To Create Economic Relationships at Texas State University for the Undergraduates, Graduates, and Graduate Students Through a Commitment to Investing a Portion of the University Endowment Fund Within the Energy Sector,” including but not limited to oil, natural gas, fossil fuels, green energy, and solar companies and their subsequent subsidiaries.
WHEREAS: In 21st century modern America, the number of individuals applying, attending, and graduating from college is increasing exponentially due to the increase in competition within the United States job market, post-recession; and

WHEREAS: The exponential increase of applicants is directly correlated to the decrease in membership to the labor force, thus manifesting a facade of decreased unemployment rates, while increasing discouraged, displaced, and overall membership; and

WHEREAS: Not being a member of the workforce is systematically defined as being neither employed nor unemployed, or becoming marginally attached to the labor force, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

WHEREAS: Discouraged workers are defined as being marginally attached to the labor force and are characterized by being
instantaneously ready and willing to work; and

WHEREAS: Displaced workers are defined as being over the age of 20 and their plant or company has closed or moved locations causing them to no longer be employed; and

WHEREAS: Despite the decrease in the unemployment rate, the labor participation rate is at a 37-year low; and

WHEREAS: The labor participation rate in January of 2007 was 66.4 percent and has decreased at an increasing rate to reach 62.6 percent as of December 2016; and

WHEREAS: 37.4 percent of Americans are not a part of the labor force and that rate is increasing past this 37-year low, if trends continue; and

WHEREAS: This group increases in percentage if the amount of underemployed college
WHEREAS: 45 percent of college graduates work in a “non college” job, which is defined as employment where 50 percent or more of the total employee pool did not need a bachelor's degree to be considered for employment, post-graduation during the years of 2009 to 2013; and

WHEREAS: As the rate of graduates from college increases, the amount of “non college” job acceptance rate rises, the underemployment rate increases, the labor force participation rate decreases, and the difficulty to receive an offer for employment to a degree-related field increases; and

WHEREAS: With the average college debt increasing to $37,172 in 2016, the margin for economic and fiscal survival is decreased simultaneously, without proper post-graduate employment; and
WHEREAS: Average national salary of all employed individuals in the United States per hour is currently at a rate of $25.09. However, this rate includes all employees such as doctors, surgeons, engineers, lawyers, real estate, commercial real estate, technology workers, executives, and upper management which are deviations from the mean. The deviations from the mean includes but are not limited to the jobs listed above; and

WHEREAS: At that rate, the average college graduate for full-time employment should receive a salary of $48,172.80 prior to taxation. In Texas, that amount after taxes breaks down $2,867.74 per month or $34,412.88 annually, not including mandatory insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS: The average Texas rent for a one-bedroom or two-bedroom residence is $1,020 and $1,240 respectfully, leaving
the average college graduate with an expendable income range of around $1,700; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative for Texas State University to partner with corporations in the private sector to create a working relationship that increases the number of Texas State graduates being considered for full-time positions and internships; and

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of the Office of the Student Body President, who was elected by a majority of students in a representative fashion to put into motion the necessary steps in order to create these partnerships and increase the success rate of all students at this university; and

WHEREAS: The economic landscape of Texas is highly diversified but driven by the energy sector. Approximately 12 percent of the Texas economy is allotted from this industry. Without this sector, the
Texas economic revenue would decrease exponentially due to primary, secondary, and tertiary factors relating to other sectors of the economy relying on this fundamental foundation, thus decreasing the quality of life for all Texas residents and Texas State University graduates; and

**WHEREAS:** It is irrevocably important to build bilateral relationships within the energy sector in order to increase the chances that Texas State graduates are not underemployed, unemployed, marginally attached to the labor force, or any other negative impact of the modern employment market; and

**WHEREAS:** A bilateral relationship can be defined in this context as the investment of the endowment fund into energy companies and their subsidiaries in order to strengthen the fiscal standing of the university, while simultaneously creating a pipeline of employees to
their wide variety of jobs in a range
of departments; and

WHEREAS:
As a part of this working relationship,
these companies will be asked to come
to campus for major specific career
fairs, a general campus-wide career
fair, and an international student
career fair, as well as fall, spring,
and summer internship fairs; and

WHEREAS:
This will allow students to have an
increased opportunity for exposure,
employment, or internships with a
plethora of corporations; and

WHEREAS:
This industry has increased research
and development into green energy
sources and this industry is constantly
evolving in modern times, while
committing to the American economy and
jobs for Americans; and

WHEREAS:
The energy sector of the stock market
is at a pivot point currently. Meaning
the price will rise significantly in
2017, which would increase returns, purchasing power of the university, and overall funding for the university for all students, programs, facilities, and bring to fruition the Texas State University mission and vision; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: This resolution serves as a definitive statement of the desire and increased need for post-graduate prosperity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Student Government urges the President of Texas State University and the board of the endowment fund to research financial market and institutions within the energy sector for proactive and positive investments; and begin networking to create the bilateral relationships aforementioned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if applicable and present, then immediately ceasing the discriminatory practices of non-energy sector investing, which subsequently decreases
chances of employment into one of
largest Texas job market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Texas State University continue to
create an environment on campus that
maximizes opportunity and employment
through the support, creation of, and
fortification of bilateral
relationships in the energy community;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if passed, this legislation be
forwarded to the Student Body President
Andrew Homann for further action.