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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
- 2 continues to experience record growth and expansion in
- 3 student population yearly; and
- 4 **WHEREAS:** Since the construction of the current Student Center model,
- 5 Texas State University has seen an increase of about 19,000
- 6 students; and
- 7 **WHEREAS:** The current model of the LBJ Student Center is vastly
- 8 undersized and fails to meet the rapid growth and needs of
- 9 the student body; and
- 10 **WHEREAS:** The LBJ Student Center pales in comparison to other
- 11 universities having an average of 2.2 less square footage
- 12 per student; and

13 **WHEREAS:** Texas State is committed to ensuring student involvement,
14 and has seen a rapid increase in active student
15 organizations, from about 180 to 375 in seventeen years;
16 and

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

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

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

28 **WHEREAS:** The LBJ Student Center fee has not seen an increase since
29 2004; and

30 **WHEREAS:** Per Student Affairs Policies and Procedures for conducting
31 Student Referendums, the Student Government President has
32 the authority to issue a referendum in order to call for an
33 increase in the Student Center fee, with 2/3 approval of
34 the Senate; therefore,

35 **BE IT RESOLVED:** That Student Government supports a fee increase of
36 thirty-six dollars for the purpose of expansion of the
37 LBJ Student Center; and

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the thirty-six-dollar fee would be
39 spread out evenly in an increment of
40 eighteen dollars beginning in the Fall of
41 2017, and fully implemented in the Fall of
42 2018; and

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

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

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

57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon passage, this piece of
58 legislation be forwarded to Student Body

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President Lauren Stotler for further

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action.