Referendum to Increase the Student Activity Fee Starting FY2016-2017
Resolution 14-15-03

Whereas: Currently students pay a $97 Student Activity Fee every semester in order to fund on-campus organizations for events and services that are open to all students; and

Whereas: In addition to funding student events and services, Funded Account organizations’ executives were compensated with stipends; and

Whereas: The stipends have provided job opportunities to all undergraduate students who would otherwise need to work elsewhere; and

Whereas: Because of the impact of the Affordable Care Act, the payment structure has changed from semiannual stipends to hourly wages; and

Whereas: The hourly minimum wage of San Francisco is continuously increasing, and will increase to $15.00 per hour by 2018, according to Proposition J; and

Whereas: The Student Activity Fee will be unable to sustain the current level of events and services that are provided to students; and

Whereas: The Student Activity Fee also fund student events, student organizations’ internal development and traveling (e.g., CAB’s Don-A-Roo Concert, College Players’ Main Stage Show, event funding for gold student organizations such as Kasamahan’s Barrio, banners for all student organizations and travel funding for gold organizations); and

Whereas: In order to keep the events and services that are provided, there is a need for the Student Activity Fee to be increased from $97 to $112 per semester to maintain the current level of services; and

Whereas: Even with a $15 increase, the Student Activity Fee of ASUSF is still lower than other similar Jesuit institutions located in urban areas such as Georgetown University ($156/semester) and Canisius College (1.25% of tuition, $202/semester); therefore be it,

Resolved by the ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco: Approve a referendum proposing an increase in ASUSF Student Activity Fee from $97 to $112 per semester, beginning in FY2016-17, to be placed on the ballot of University of San Francisco Student Elections in Spring 2015 and voted on by the undergraduate student body of University of San Francisco.

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Signed on this day, (March 3, 2015):

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