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URGING THE PASSAGE OF THE 2017-2018 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENDING
APPROPRIATION BILLS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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Chair Jessica Chong
CO-SPONSORED BY: all board members

12 SEPTEMBER 2017

Chair Chong introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first time.

19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Read the second time and voted on.

A RESOLUTION

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PENNSYLVANIA APPROPRIATION BILLS

- 1 WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh and other state-related
2 Universities are approaching their fourth month
3 without state funding, due to an impasse within the
4 PA House of Representatives;
- 5 WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh is currently operating
6 without a revenue package and budget appropriation
7 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, standing to
8 lose \$150 million in state funding for the 2017-2018
9 fiscal year and beyond¹;
- 10 WHEREAS, the lack of a fiscal appropriation has already affected
11 the Undergraduate Community by creating a climate
12 of budgetary uncertainty;
- 13 WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Community benefits from state
14 appropriations that reduce the cost of tuition and

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15 provide increased educational opportunities for
16 Pennsylvania residents;

17 WHEREAS, the failure to provide adequate and timely
18 appropriations will cause extreme tuition increases for
19 undergraduate students if not resolved;

20 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth sees a \$26 return on every \$1 it
21 invests in the University, our students and employees,
22 creating an annual economic impact of \$3.95 billion¹;

23 WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf and all members of the
24 Pennsylvania General Assembly, regardless of party
25 affiliation, are responsible for restoring higher-
26 education funding and resolving the budget impasse;
27 *now, therefore, be it*

28 RESOLVED, on this 19th day of September in the year 2017, the
29 University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board
30 calls for the immediate passage and disbursement of
31 fair appropriations from the Commonwealth of
32 Pennsylvania to the University of Pittsburgh; *and be it*
33 *further*

34 RESOLVED, that the University of Pittsburgh Student Government
35 Board advocates for the resolution of the current
36 budget impasse for the betterment of the
37 Undergraduate Community, University, and the
38 Commonwealth; *and be it finally*

39 RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately upon
40 adoption and shall reflect the official position of the
41 University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board.

42 ADOPTED: this 19th day of September 2017 by a vote of 8 for, 0
43 against, and 0 abstentions.

Max Kneis, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board

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