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

1 WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh and other state-related Universities are approaching their fourth month without state funding, due to an impasse within the PA House of Representatives;

2 WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh is currently operating without a revenue package and budget appropriation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, standing to lose $150 million in state funding for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and beyond1;

3 WHEREAS, the lack of a fiscal appropriation has already affected the Undergraduate Community by creating a climate of budgetary uncertainty;

4 WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Community benefits from state appropriations that reduce the cost of tuition and

1 With Pitt, PA Wins [http://with.pitt.edu/issue-0]
provide increased educational opportunities for Pennsylvania residents;

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

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

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf and all members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, regardless of party affiliation, are responsible for restoring higher-education funding and resolving the budget impasse;

now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

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

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Max Kneis, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board

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