

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body.

President Brian Kochheiser

Approved by the President of the Undergraduate Student Body, and so order into effect.

Kasie Durkit
Speaker of the Senate

Brian Kochheiser
President of the Undergraduate Student Body

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In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student
2. voice at Bowling Green State University through the form of the Senate; and
3. **Whereas**, the undergraduate student body elects representatives from the undergraduate
4. Student body to represent them in the Senate; and
5. **Whereas**, the undergraduate student body elects representatives to represent their
6. interests at-large, off-campus, within their academic colleges, within residence halls,
7. within the Greek community, with regard to non-traditional student concerns, diversity
8. affairs student concerns, and athletic affairs student concerns; and
9. **Whereas**, it is the responsibility of the Senate and its Senators to act as the voice in the
10. interest of those they represent and to make evident the stance of the undergraduate
11. student body to all parties of interest; and
12. **Whereas**, these parties of interest include but are not limited to the administration and
13. faculty of the university, the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University, and
14. the Government of the State of Ohio; and
15. **Whereas**, the Government of the State of Ohio through Senator Keith Faber of the
16. Twelfth Senate District of the State of Ohio has drafted Senate Bill 4 requiring the Board
17. Of Trustees of all state institutions of the State of Ohio to create plans by September of
18. 2015 to reduce in-state cost of attendance by five percent for the 2016-17 academic year;
19. and
20. **Whereas**, the proposed decrease in in-state cost of attendance as presented by Senator
21. Faber to the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio will affect the fiscal affairs of
22. Bowling Green State University as Bowling Green State University is a state institution
23. of the State of Ohio; and
24. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government has a vested interest in the fiscal
25. Affairs of Bowling Green State University; and
26. **Whereas**, the fiscal affairs of Bowling Green State University directly affect the
27. undergraduate student experience at Bowling Green State University; and

28. **Whereas**, the undergraduate student body recognizes that the student experience is not
29. solely dependent on academic growth but also growth through a multitude of
30. extracurricular programs, activities, and services; and

31. **Whereas**, the undergraduate student body through its Senate, recognizes that such a
32. decrease to cost of attendance may result in significant budget changes and for such
33. programs, activities, and services; and

34. **Whereas**, the university has already made significant budget changes and additionally
35. Fees to accommodate for decreased state funding for such programs, activities, and
36. services in the 2013 SSI funding formula change under Ohio Governor John Kasich; and

37. **Whereas**, the undergraduate student body through its Senate understands the need to
38. ensure that higher education in the State of Ohio and at Bowling Green State University
39. remains affordable; and

40. **Whereas**, the undergraduate student body through its Senate recognizes there are
41. alternative methods to ensuring the affordability of higher education; and

42. **Whereas**, the undergraduate student body through its Senate believes that a cost of
43. attendance decrease would be a further detriment to the student experience at Bowling
44. Green State University.

45. **Therefore, let it be resolved** that the undergraduate student body formally supports the
46. efforts of Chief Financial Officer Sherideen Stoll, the Bowling Green State University
47. Administration, and Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees in identifying
48. other ways in which to maintain an affordable cost of attendance at Bowling Green State
49. University outside of state mandated tuition decreases; and

50. **Therefore, let it further be resolved** that undergraduate student body formally directs
51. Undergraduate Student Body President Brian Kochheiser to draft or participate in the
52. drafting of a letter to the Ohio General Assembly on behalf of the undergraduate student
53. body at Bowling Green State University opposing Ohio Senate Bill 4; and

54. **Therefore, let it further be resolved** that this resolution as well as any additional letters
55. Of opposition from the undergraduate student body at Bowling Green State University be
56. submitted as supplements to said letter; and

57. **Therefore, let it finally be resolved** that undergraduate student body of Bowling Green
58. State University formally opposes Ohio Senate Bill 4.

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*Passes by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body
for Approval or Veto.*

Kasie Durkit

Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.

Brian Kochheiser

The President of the Undergraduate Student Body

I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

Brian Kochheiser

The President of the Undergraduate Student Body