

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

**Resolution 2008/9-2**

**A Resolution to support the petition pertaining to the situation of international students on fee waivers that is being sent to President Carol Cartwright.**

**1 WHEREAS** the presence of international students is key to having a truly diverse student  
2 body; and

**3 WHEREAS** some international students have received fee waivers from the University  
4 through the Center for International Programs (CIP); and

**5 WHEREAS** at the beginning of this academic year, CIP notified eighty-two international  
6 students with fee waivers that their fee waivers were being revoked; and

**7 WHEREAS** although nearly forty of the eighty-two affected students have been reinstated  
8 with their fee waivers, there are currently forty-two international students, in particular  
9 seven nursing and medical technology students, who have unresolved issues; and

**10 WHEREAS** these issues include the CIP's decision the year that international students  
11 with fee waivers must complete their programs in eight semesters; and

**12 WHEREAS** another issue is the CIP's decision this year that international students with  
13 fee waivers must have a 3.0 GPA, which is contrary to previous practice of CIP, which  
14 was that international students with fee waivers must meet the GPA requirements of their  
15 programs; and

**16 WHEREAS** another issue for the seven nursing and medical students, their programs  
17 generally take more than eight semesters to complete; and

**18 WHEREAS** these students were advised to take summer courses, and at the beginning of  
19 this academic year, CIP notified these students that it did not cover the cost of these  
20 summer programs, as it had in the past, and that the students themselves were personally  
21 responsible for the cost; and

**22 WHEREAS** the cost of these summer programs are up to \$5,000 dollars per student; and

**23 WHEREAS** CIP worked up a payment solution that equated to these students having to  
24 pay \$1,000 a month; and

25 **WHEREAS** international students can only generally work the set amount of hours a  
26 week as put forth by their visas, and they can only work on campus receiving campus  
27 minimum wage; and

28 **WHEREAS** the international students who receive these fee waivers receive them  
29 because of financial need, which also makes it very difficult for these students to pay such  
30 an amount; and

31 **WHEREAS** members of the BGSU faculty have written a petition to give to President  
32 Carol Cartwright to address this issue; and

33 **WHEREAS** the faculty who wrote the petition have stressed that the faculty be involved  
34 in the restructuring of the international fee waiver system, which the director of CIP has  
35 agreed with; and

36 **WHEREAS** the faculty has requested that fee waivers are reinstated for all of the affected  
37 students for the rest of their degree programs; and

38 **WHEREAS** the faculty has also requested that bursar balances due to tuition be cleared  
39 for the affected students; and

40 **WHEREAS** the faculty presenting the petition have requested a moratorium on new  
41 international student fee waivers to facilitate the University's support for students that are  
42 already here; and

43 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the BGSU student government support this  
44 petition based on these facts, and in so doing support our international students.