

1 **Winthrop University Council of Student Leaders**
2 2005-2006

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5 Introduced by Willie Lyles, III

6 **A RESOLUTION**

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8 TO EXPRESS THE POSITION OF THE COUNCIL OF
9 STUDENT LEADERS ON THE TUITION CAP PROPOSAL
10 FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
11 SOUTH CAROLINA.

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13 **WHEREAS**, Governor Sanford has proposed a state-
14 mandated tuition cap; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the proposed cap will cap tuition for
17 the upcoming fiscal year at the Higher Education Pricing
18 Index plus \$250; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, South Carolina ranks second lowest in
21 the region in state appropriations for allocations for
22 full-time students at four-year institutions, according to
23 Southern Regional Education Board; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, South Carolina ranks last in the
26 Southeast region in terms of state and local funding for
27 full time equivalent students at two-year institutions; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the lottery grant program provides an
30 appreciated service to South Carolina students and
31 families; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, financial aid is distinct and can not
34 replace student appropriations to South Carolina
35 Institutions of Higher Education; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, students' priorities for higher
38 education include accessibility and quality; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, by mandating a tuition cap without
41 providing base funding to meet institutional
42 responsibilities will decrease the quality of higher
43 education in South Carolina; **NOW THEREFORE**

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46 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of Student Leaders

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48 **THAT** the Council of Student Leaders opposes the
49 tuition cap proposal; and

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge the General
52 Assembly to reinvest state funding into higher education;
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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of
56 Student Leaders supports the efforts of the South Carolina
57 State Student Association to further express the opinion of
58 this body concerning tuition caps; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage copies of this resolution are to be sent to The *Johnsonian and Roddey McMillian Record*; The Herald; the Vice President of Student Life and the President of Winthrop University; The Governor of South Carolina; the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee; and the York County Delegation to the South Carolina General Assembly.

Willie Lyles, III, Chair, Council of Student Leaders

Date