Winthrop University Council of Student Leaders
2005-2006

Introduced by Willie Lyles, III

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, students’ priorities for higher
education include accessibility and quality; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Student Leaders

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the General
Assembly to reinvest state funding into higher education;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of
Student Leaders supports the efforts of the South Carolina
State Student Association to further express the opinion of
this body concerning tuition caps; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage copies of this resolution are to be sent to The Johnsonian and Roddy 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

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Date