



Proposed Motion: “Approve proposed language for the Undocumented Student Support Fee Referendum.”

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Undocumented Student Support Fee Referendum

Proposed Fee: The Undocumented Student Support Fee shall be a fee of \$1.00 per quarter to directly go towards the Undocumented Student Resource Fund through the Financial Aid office to support undocumented students monetarily.

Context:

Through the financial aid office stands a foundation account titled the “Undocumented Student Resource Fund.” This fund operates on a donation basis and typically holds around \$7,000 dollars in it, though according to financial aid, needs \$90,000 yearly to fully support the needs of undocumented students at Western Washington University. Due to the nature of this account, there is no guarantee that it will continue to receive money. This referendum acts as a backing to the verbal commitments to undocumented students made by the Associated Students Board of Directors. Despite numerous legal barriers, the Associated Students Board of Directors remains firm in their commitment to supporting undocumented students, and would like to ask the student body to join in that in the small sacrifice of \$1.00 per quarter to a fund that can provide DACA renewals, support with housing, food, tuition, and other needs.

Shall the Associated Students of Western Washington University to the administration that a new fee of \$1.00 per quarter be created titled the “Undocumented Student Support Fee,” charged with the purpose of financially supporting the Undocumented Student Resource Fund to provide financial support for undocumented students?

Effective Fall Quarter 2018 and up for renewal Spring Quarter 2020.

