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Title: This resolution outlines a variety of funding mechanisms by which Senate can pursue the Undocumented Students Scholarship. The resolution proposes Senate commitment to considering a broad range of funding options for the undocumented student's scholarship.

Text:

Section 1: Whereas, solidarity among all members of the Gonzaga Student Body is embodied as a principal theme in the University's mission statement, which reads as follows, "*The Gonzaga experience fosters a mature commitment to dignity of the human person, social justice, diversity, intercultural competence, global engagement, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable....*"

Section 2: Whereas, the **Immigrant Student National Paper** outlined a series of best practice approaches to serving the needs of undocumented students in various sectors of campus life, including *Mission, Admissions, Financial Aid, On-Campus, and Career Counseling*. The Paper also proposes the implementation of a "Common Fund," among Jesuit universities as an external funding source for undocumented students. However, in order to effectively explore this option, the University must first develop the vehicle for which a Gonzaga-specific undocumented scholarship fund can be implemented.

Section 3: Whereas, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities issued an official public statement of support for undocumented students, entitled Statement of **AJCU Presidents on Undocumented Students**. President Thane McCulloh, the President of Gonzaga University, signed this document in conjunction with the twenty-seven presidents of Jesuit colleges and universities across the nation.

Section 4: Whereas, the scholarships offered are designed to address the issue of **access**-the undocumented student's scholarship will address the tuition obstacle several undocumented students face during the college application process.

Section 5: Whereas, information gathered from the Office of Financial Aid has provided context as to the range of funding options available for the undocumented students scholarship. These options are listed as follows:

- Donor Contributions
- Student fundraising efforts
- Current grants & scholarships
- Community Partners
- Opt-Out tuition fee

Section 6: Whereas, the functional implementation of an opt-out tuition fee would generate an estimated \$25,205 contribution from students alone (combined semesters). Proper correspondence and collaboration with University Advancement and Donor Relations will aid in enlisting donor support, which will likely match the student contribution by the first year.

Section 7: Therefore, GSBA recommends a broad consideration of multiple funding sources for the development of the undocumented students scholarship. GSBA also supports the combination of multiple funding sources, in addition to an opt-out tuition fee, to increase the amount of aid awarded.

President

Speaker of the Senate