**Proposed Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the International Student Fee and the Global Learning Scholarship**

In 2008, the BOR approved a student-voted motion to create an $14 International Student Fee. This fee funded the Global Learning Scholarship (<https://gls.kennesaw.edu/>). Though the amount of individual awards has changed, in recent years, eligible students have been able to receive $1,000 - $1,500 each academic year to support any costs associated with study abroad and internship abroad programs. In November 2018 , the Mandatory Fee Committee voted to phase out the fee (see attached memo). This was announced to the shock of the Faculty Senate in the January 2019 meeting.

You can see the current undergraduate student fees here: <https://fiscalservices.kennesaw.edu/bursar/docs/FY20%20Undergrad%20Tuition.pdf>

The International fee is currently $6. It will be completely eliminated for AY 2020. However, there is no net decrease in student fees. Beyond having reduced resources, the Global Learning

Scholarship is now available to eligible students **only once** during their time at Kennesaw State. Moreover, the awards have been reduced to $800, and they can only be applied to academic costs (that is, not travel, lodging, local transportation, food, etc. – often the largest expenditures).

Despite repeated statements that they are “working on it,” the administration has yet to identify a viable replacement for funding the GLS that can maintain the former award amounts and covered costs. In light of the reduction of this vital program, an in conversation with several colleagues across campus, I propose the following Faculty Senate resolution:

**Whereas:**

a) Kennesaw State University is committed to international education and global engagement,

b) Equitable access to study abroad programs and internships abroad for students of all disciplines and background is an essential part of Kennesaw State’s focus on student success, and multiple opportunities to take part in these activities are necessary to develop critical 21st-century skills,

c) the International Fee, which funds the Global Learning Scholarship, is being phased out, and

d) the President and Provost have not yet identified a viable replacement for funding the Global Learning Scholarship,

**Be it Resolved:**

a) the Faculty Senate calls upon the President and Provost to identify new resources for funding the Global Learning Scholarship by November 15th, 2019. These resources should be sufficient to allow the previous rates and eligibility policies to continue (e.g., scholarship amounts of $1,000 - $1,500 to pay any costs associated with a study abroad program; eligible students may receive the scholarship each academic year of their enrollment.)

b) Should the administration fail to identify resources that meet the above criteria, the Faculty Senate recommends that the $11 International Fee be re-instated in the Spring semester of 2020, along with the previous policies. This return of the $11 fee could be achieved with no net increase in student fees in one of two ways:

1) Reducing by $1 the five most expensive student fees: Special Institutional ($300), Athletic ($221), Rec Center ($97), Parking ($93), Sports and Recreation Parks ($80).

OR

2) Reducing by $1 five of the following eight student fees that are currently over $50: Athletic, Health, Parking, Rec Center, Special Institutional, Sports and Recreation Parks, Technology, and Transportation.

[End proposed resolution]

I have managed to gather a fair amount of information about the history of the International Fee, recent committee decisions, and research about the effectiveness of study abroad. You can access it all in this OneDrive folder: <https://bit.ly/2nh1ZG3>