



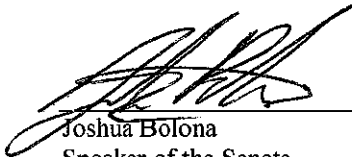
Introduced By: SBA Committee
Sponsored By: Chair Sells, Vice Chair Kosonen, Student Body President Larkins, Student Body Vice President Barretto, Governmental Affairs Director Thompson, Speaker Bolona, Pro Tempore Scott, Chair Marcous
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Final Vote: Passed, 44-0-1

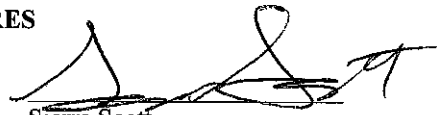
**University of Central Florida
 Fiftieth Student Body Senate
 Resolution 50-09**

[Resolution in Support of Revising Excess Credit Hour Surcharge Provisions]

01 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (2) states that the Student Body Advocacy Committee (SBA) is to be in constant
 02 review of legislation at the national, state, and local level that affects the students at the University of Central Florida;
 03 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01 (B) (2) states that a Resolution pertains to every measure expressing the sentiment of the
 04 Student Senate;
 05 **WHEREAS**, State universities require a student to pay an excess hour surcharge for each credit hour in excess of the
 06 number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree program in which the student is enrolled;
 07 **WHEREAS**, Many programs of strategic emphasis require, by default, more than 120 credit hours to obtain a degree;
 08 **WHEREAS**, For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, students were charged an excess hour surcharge equal to
 09 50 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour over 120 percent of their baccalaureate degree program completion
 10 requirement;
 11 **WHEREAS**, For the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, the excess credit hour surcharge was raised to 100 percent
 12 of the tuition rate for each credit hour over 110 percent of their baccalaureate degree program completion requirement;
 13 **WHEREAS**, Research shows that approximately 3,770 students were charged roughly \$2.35 million in excess credit hour
 14 surcharges during the Fall 2015 semester at University of Central Florida, University of Florida, Florida State University
 15 and University of South Florida;
 16 **WHEREAS**, The current excess credit hour surcharge is equal to \$212.28;
 17 **WHEREAS**, House Bill 565 (HB 565) raises the credit hour limit to 120 percent of a degree program's required credit
 18 hours before the excess credit surcharge applies; and
 19 **WHEREAS**, By re-evaluating the excess hours surcharge, the percent of students who eventually end up with excess
 20 hours will dramatically decrease;
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 22 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of the Fiftieth Student Senate of the University of Central
 23 Florida, on behalf of the UCF student body, to support the revision of the excess credit hour surcharge provisions to reduce
 24 the impact of the surcharge on students in programs of strategic emphasis and on students who graduate within four years;
 25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Florida Governor Rick Scott, Florida Senate
 26 President Joe Negron, Florida Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran, Florida Senate Committee on Education Chair
 27 Dorothy L. Hukill, Florida House of Representatives Education Committee Chair Michael Bileca, Florida House of
 28 Representatives Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee Chair Elizabeth Porter, Florida House of Representatives
 29 Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Larry Ahern, Representative Carlos Smith, Representative Amber
 30 Mariano, Senator Linda Stewart, University of Central Florida President John C. Hitt, UCF Vice President of Student
 Development and Enrollment Services Dr. Maribeth Ehasz, UCF Student Body President Nicholas Larkins, and Members
 of the UCF Board of Trustees.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES


 Joshua Bolona
 Speaker of the Senate
 11/13/2017
 Date


 Sierra Scott
 Senate President Pro Tempore
 11/13/17
 Date