

Resolution Concerning Affordable Education and Opportunity Minnesota

Whereas the tuition of Carleton College will have increased by 16% from the FY 2006 to FY 2009, while rates have risen comparably at other Minnesota universities; and

Whereas according to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, 48% of qualified college-qualified high school graduates are prevented from attending a four-year institution due to cost; and

Whereas according to the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG), “in 2004, the average debt for students graduating from private universities was \$22,125 and \$17,250 for those graduating from public universities”; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the CSA Senate requests that the Minnesota State Legislature pass legislation to reduce the financial burdens of attending post-secondary institutions in Minnesota; and

Resolved, that MPIRG’s Opportunity Minnesota bill be enacted to provide a solution to the aforementioned issue.