To: The University Senate
From: Russell Jones, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, amended from an original draft by Harry Targ
Subject: Statement in support of raising the minimum wage of all part-time Purdue student employees to $8.25 an hour
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion

WHEREAS: It is widely documented that current minimum wage levels at the state and nation level ($7.25) are inadequate for sustaining the basic necessities of life, and

WHEREAS: College and university students are forced to incur enormous debts to complete their college educations and large numbers of them work to help defer expenses and reduce that debt, and

WHEREAS: Purdue university employees who are eligible for benefits and are mostly full-time employed earn at least $8.25 an hour while 1,650 to 2,847 student part-time and temporary employees were paid $7.25 an hour, and

WHEREAS: 91% of those earning the current minimum wage are students (1,494 students), and

WHEREAS: Indiana University has recently raised its minimum wage to $8.25 an hour.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Purdue University Senate recommends that the university raise the minimum wage for part-time student employees to $8.25 an hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Jones, Chair
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