CSG.Resolution-SP2025-05

IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF CHATHAM UNIVERSITY

Connor Domke for himself and Dom Randall introduced the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION

Condemning Chatham University's Lowering of the Flat Rate Tuition Credit Limit and Urging its Reversal

WHEREAS, This change levies a higher cost on students participating in more classes (\$1,494 for every credit taken over 18); and

WHEREAS, This change was taken on extremely short notice, to take effect for a school year that students have already finished registering for, which serves to both retroactively charge students for classes they have already registered for and disrupt students' planned future credits which may affect their ability to graduate early or on time; and

WHEREAS, This change will likely result in lower enrollment of students in classes as they are economically incentivized to take less credits, which may negatively impact programs which struggle to enroll students; and

WHEREAS, This change in effect charges students for a service which was previously free, and was made without any apparent student knowledge or feedback; and

WHEREAS, No information has yet been given as to how the extra revenue from this change will be utilized to improve the academic experience of students on campus; and

WHEREAS, Making such a momentous change without prior warning or student feedback serves to undermine students' faith in Chatham University's Administration, as it makes such change appear shortsighted and will lead students to expect more sudden changes in the future; now, therefore, be it,

Resolved by the Student Senate of the Chatham Undergraduate Student Government assembled, That the Student Senate of Chatham University strongly condemns the lowering of the flat rate tuition credit limit; and, be it, further

Resolved, That the Student Senate of Chatham University strongly urges Chatham University Administration to reverses or delays the implementation of this decision; and, be it, finally

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Student Senate transmits a copy of this Resolution to the President of Chatham University and the Vice President of Academic Affairs.