RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT RACKHAM REDUCE THE RE-ENROLLMENT FEE ASSOCIATED WITH CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT TO A NOMINAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

(RESOLUTION W-10-01)

Whereas, the Rackham Executive Board voted in December 2008 to institute a continuous enrollment policy, effective starting Fall 2010 pending Regents' approval of tuition changes.

Whereas, the currently proposed continuous enrollment policy would include a stipulation that any Rackham student who leaves the university would be required to pay a penalty fee of 25% of candidacy tuition for every semester absent in order to be readmitted, up to a maximum of eight semesters.

Whereas, such a penalty fee, of at least $1,000 per semester absent, sets an unreasonably high barrier to readmission and ultimately hinders degree completion.

Whereas, students currently returning from 'detached study' status pay nothing for readmission, and those returning who have completely left the university only need to pay the standard costs of application.

Whereas, students applying for readmission to other colleges pay no more than an administrative fee, and students applying for readmission are already required to undertake a thorough process to make their case.

Whereas, none of the peer institutions whose policies on readmission could be found charge such a high penalty fee for readmission.

Therefore, be it resolved that Rackham Student Government endorses an amendment to the continuous enrollment policy stating that the fee for readmission be a nominal administrative fee only, of approximately $100, or the standard cost of an application for admission, whichever is greater.
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