

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
THE HUNDRED AND THIRD STUDENT SENATE
WINTER TERM TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN**

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-103-18

AUTHORED BY President Morton &
Vice-President Starr

SUPPORTED BY Senator Jones-Darling,
Senator Leapheart, Senator Garcia

A RESOLUTION TO: SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A PER-STUDENT FEE TO RENOVATE
THE REC/IM AND ITS FACILITIES

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, The Rec/IM facility is used by a variety of students and requires long overdue renovations;

WHEREAS, two years ago a University committee was assembled with Student Government representation to devise several plans for Rec/IM renovations;

WHEREAS, this University committee considered a student opt-out fee as an effective option to pay for the proposed renovations;

WHEREAS, specific plans for the renovation have not been completed, but preliminary designs indicate that the total cost for the renovations would be between \$12-\$18 million dollars depending on scope of the renovation;

WHEREAS, a per-student opt-out fee would generate an estimated \$1.26 -1.47 million annually, roughly the same as a \$3 per credit hour fee, or a \$30-35 per-student per-semester fee depending on how the fee is structured;

WHEREAS, the funds generated by such a fee would be used by the University to help pay for the full cost of the renovations to the Rec/IM;

NOTING, if the fee was not implemented as an opt-out fee, the funds generated from this fee would take up an estimated 0.9% in tuition cap for the upcoming fiscal year 2018;

WHEREAS, the University is working diligently with external parties and partners to receive up to \$8 million from outside donors towards the renovations of the Rec/IM;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Student Government supports the creation of a per-student fee from which students would be permitted to opt out of for the purposes of renovating the Rec/IM facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the funds generated from this fee are only to be spent on renovations to the Rec/IM facility, including the Jones pool.

INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE: 1/17/17
COMMITTEE VOTE: PASS

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: 1/24/17
SENATE VOTE: PASS

CLERK OF THE SENATE

Emily Cant

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NAYS 0

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

James M...

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AYES 18
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