

1 PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN OPT-OUT FEATURE FOR REILY CENTER MANDATORY FEE

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6 RECOGNIZING That the 2020-2021 Academic School Year was unlike any other school
7 year considering the COVID-19 Pandemic,

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9 UNDERSTANDING That Tulane University, including the Reily Recreation Center, had to
10 restructure services and resources to abide by COVID-19 CDC safety
11 guidelines,

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13 RECOGNIZING In the Fall 2020 semester, registered remote learners were not incurred
14 Campus Recreation Fees, while registered and unregistered non-remote
15 learners (though they may have been required to take mostly online
16 classes anyway) were still charged for fees,

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18 HIGHLIGHTING That the Reily Center hours were drastically reduced to times that were
19 unsuitable to many students and reservations were required ahead of time,
20 leaving graduate and professional students unable to make use of their
21 mandatory fees if they were not able to make a reservation in time suited
22 for their schedules or there were no available slots for times best suited,

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24 HIGHLIGHTING That the Reily Center did not have the same capacity as previous years,
25 leaving graduate and professional students unable to make guaranteed use
26 of the center at the same level as previous years,

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28 UNDERSTANDING That the Reily Center took measures to ensure a clean and safe gym
29 experience for Tulane affiliates, including graduate and professional
30 students,

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32 EMPHASIZING That many graduate and professional students are financially insecure, and
33 should subsequently not be responsible for fees for resources and services
34 they are unable to use to its full value,

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36 CALLS UPON The Graduate and Professional Student Association to support the creation of an
37 opt-out policy for the Reily Recreation Center membership fee for all graduate
38 and professional students,

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The University Senate and its appropriate standing committees (including but not limited to the Student Affairs Committee and the Budget Review Committee) to discuss and review the creation of the opt-out policy for the Reily Recreation Center membership fee for all graduate and professional students,

The Board of Tulane to discuss and review the creation of the opt-out policy for the Reily Recreation Center membership fee for all graduate and professional students,

The aforementioned governing bodies (Graduate and Professional Student Association, University Senate, and Board of Tulane) to meet and discuss the creation of the opt-out policy for the Reily Recreation Center member fee for all graduate and professional students with the goal of creating the opt-out policy or, if more appropriate, coming to an agreement of a suitable alternative.