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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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