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SENSE OF THE SENATE

Every year the Bursar's Office requests the Student Government Association Budget Review Committee (BRC) to review the Student Activities Fee at Northeastern University. This fee has not been adjusted since the start of the 1996-1997 academic year. The fee currently stands at $13.50 per quarter in which an undergraduate full-time student is enrolled in classes. This fee, once collected throughout the four academic quarters, is then distributed to eligible student groups by the BRC and the Media Board Finance Committee (MBFC).

Due to the increasing number of and activities by funded student groups, as well as to the rising costs of holding events, the current allocation pool is insufficient to meet the needs of BRC- and MBFC-funded student groups. An increase in the Student Activities Fee consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation would result in a fee increase of fifty cents, from the $13.50 to $14.00 per quarter beginning with the fall quarter of the 1998-1999 school year. This increase will give student groups a greater allocation pool from which their budgets will be drawn.

We feel that this will benefit students who are currently involved in student groups and encourage those students who are not involved with student groups to become involved. **Therefore, let it be the Sense of the Senate to support the increase of the Student Activities Fee by no more than the CPI inflation (fifty cents) in order to offer a more stabilized funding pool for student groups at Northeastern University.**

Respectfully submitted with the approval of the Budget Review Committee,

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Nay 0
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