

# Resolution 2

## TJCSGA General Assembly Resolution

A Resolution concerning TJCSGA involvement in halting State funding decreases for junior colleges.

Whereas the State of Texas provides the primary financial support to junior colleges student tuition; and

Whereas the State of Texas has decreased its appropriations to junior colleges on the statewide level by \$81,644,489, a 4.6% decrease; and

Whereas junior colleges are forced to raise the money to cover the growing cost caused by lack of State funding by raising tuition, increasing student fees, levying higher taxes on residents, and compromising quality and services; and

Whereas the state average of tuition and fees for in-district residents has increased by 16.7% between the 2002-03 and 2003-04 semesters; and

Whereas the state average of tuition and fees for out-of-district residents has increased by 18.5% between the 2002-03 and 2003-04 semesters; and

Whereas the voice of more than 515,771 junior college students across the state carries far more weight than that of the college faculty; and

Whereas the Texas Junior College Student Government Association has the capacity and the responsibility to lobby and voice their opinions on the state level and to the state congress;

Therefore be it resolved by the Texas Junior College Student Government Association in convention assembled, to actively lobby the state legislators to cease with funding cuts and to submit uniform letters signed by SGA presidents to state representatives and state senators especially the members of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Be it further resolved that the responsibility of this action shall rest on the General Board, comprised of the SGA Presidents from across the state and led by the TJCSGA President.

Respectfully Submitted on 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2004

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