RESOLUTION No: GSG2013-01
INTRODUCED by: International Surcharge Review and Response Ad Hoc Committee
DATE: 18th March 2013

Section I. A Resolution for **Modifying** the Proposed International Student Surcharge

REALIZING that there is a human resource cost of reporting to the federal SEVIS for each international student each semester and a cost for Michigan Tech to be recertified every two years,

REALIZING that there is a cost of software and training and support for ESL and international student orientation,

REALIZING that the currently proposed high amount of the surcharge will be a great financial burden on international students and will have a deleterious impact on student morale, as assessed by student feedback on the proposal,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED in the interest of the currently enrolled graduate students at Michigan Technological University, that the Graduate Student Government is taking a stance on the proposed International Student Surcharge

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Government is **strongly opposed to** the International Student Surcharge in its current form.

FURTHERMORE the Graduate Student Government respectfully requests the Executive Council team consult the accompanying report and then carefully consider the recommendations listed in Section II of this document.

RESULT: Resolution passed by the Graduate Student Government on March 18th, 2013.
Section II. Recommendations

**Process:** Several different alternatives were carefully considered and discussed at length and the following recommendation was chosen by a majority vote. It was discussed that ideally all international students (currently enrolled and incoming) pay the same amount and that amount be less than one third of the proposed value.

On further discussion it was determined that incoming students could be made aware of the surcharge before they decide to come to Michigan Tech and may be able to manage the **recommended** (not proposed) surcharge whereas currently enrolled international graduate students did not have such a choice and were limited by their current finances.

It should be noted that incoming students are not represented in the Graduate Student Government and the voting members can only consider their knowledge of the financial conditions that international students at Michigan Tech typically hail from.

It should also be noted that most international students do not have on-campus employment or sponsorship over the summer.

The GSG **recommends** that

1. For the Fall and Spring Semester
   - Currently Enrolled Students pay $75.00 per semester and
   - Incoming Students pay $100.00 per semester

2. We also recommend that no surcharge be applied for any international student in the Summer.