

Motion to Mandate the University to Provide Graduation Gowns to All Graduating Students

To propose a motion that I believe will enhance the overall graduation experience for all students at our esteemed university.

Student Council Recognizes:

Council notes that in recognizing the significance of the graduation ceremony and the symbolic importance of the graduation gown, we propose that the university takes the initiative to provide graduation gowns to all graduating students. This gesture will contribute to the sense of unity, equality, and pride among the graduating class, fostering a more inclusive and memorable experience for everyone.

Student Council Notes:

Many students face financial constraints and may find it challenging to afford the cost of purchasing or renting a graduation gown. By providing gowns to all graduating students, we promote financial equality and ensure that every student can participate fully in this significant milestone without undue financial burden.

Student Council also Notes:

Wearing the same graduation gown creates a sense of unity among the graduating class, emphasizing the shared achievements and accomplishments of all students. This shared experience contributes to a more cohesive and memorable graduation ceremony.

Student Council Further Notes:

Providing graduation gowns to all graduating students reflects positively on the university's commitment to inclusivity and support for its student body. It demonstrates that the institution values each student's contribution and wants to ensure an equitable and enriching graduation experience.

Student Council Mandates:

VP Welfare & Equality and VP Academic Affairs to strongly recommend and advocate for the university to take immediate steps to provide graduation gowns to all graduating students, starting from the upcoming academic year. The provision of gowns should be included as a standard component of the graduation ceremony, with the associated costs covered by the university out of the service charge levied on students.

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