NEW YORK, NY (December 09, 2015) -- Keeping the affordability of higher education as one of its top priorities for the year, the Student Senators Council (SSC) unanimously passed a resolution urging local and state government offices to reduce the cost of MTA services for students enrolled in a post-secondary program within the Boroughs of the City of New York.

New York City currently provides a Student Reduced Fare Subsidy to elementary, high-school, and night-school students. Based on this reasoning and given the limited reach of NYU University transportation, the SSC is supporting the extension of such a subsidy to college students.

Transportation costs are one of the biggest expenses incurred by most students and are often not covered by financial aid. Any form of cost reduction by either the MTA or NYC government will decrease the excess financial burden of pursuing an education at institutions in and of the city.

“We have students struggling to complete course and major requirements because the necessary transportation is too expensive and financial instability takes a toll on students both academically and mentally,” said Amanda Ezechi, CAS Senator and co-author of this resolution. “I think it’s our responsibility as advocates to use our position to apply pressure where needed to alleviate these strains in the most direct and efficient way possible.”

The Student Senators Council, in urging local and state government offices to work to reduce the cost of MTA transportation services for students enrolled in a post-secondary programs, reaffirms its commitment to bettering the student experience for those within the NYU community, as well as those within the broader New York City community.

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About NYU’s Student Senators Council

The Student Senators Council (SSC) is the overarching student government at NYU. We are constantly working with other students, organizations, faculty, and administrators at NYU to create the best university experience. We have a large team of Senators, Council Presidents, Committee Chairs and Students that help us advocate on behalf of students; create and further student-focused agendas; and lead new initiatives at the University.

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