Change in Stipend Payment Process and Schedule

Boston University School of Theology Student Association

STHSA Resolution #

WHEREAS, the STH Office of Registration and Financial Aid informed STH students of the changes to the stipend process that all stipends would, as of the fall semester of 2013, be scheduled for the fourth Friday of September, the 27th, in contrast to previous years in which students received stipends directly and earlier to their financial accounts within the university system; and,

WHEREAS, the reasons for the change are complex, and we assume, to be in the best interest of all involved, students, the relevant offices of financial aid, and Student Accounting Services; and,

WHEREAS, the timing of the stipend payments increases the financial hardship of students, notably the inability of students to cover the upfront costs associated with the beginning of the semester such as university fees, rent, groceries, and books; therefore be it

RESOLVED, this unnecessary and unjust hardship is of grave concern for all students of Boston University and we request our fellow student government associations to join our resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, we entreat the University to address the unnecessary hardship of its students caused by the change in the process and schedule of stipend payments and propose solutions for implementation beginning the 2014-2015 academic year.