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remainder of student activity fees, designated as below-the-line.

Some confusion and controversy has erupted about the amount of money given to graduate schools.

In a letter to the editor printed in Tuesday's edition of The Gamecock, Senate Finance Committee member Jarvis Jones, a second-year graduate law student, called for the resignation of committee chairman Chase Stoudenmire, a second-year history student.

His letter was written in response to comments made by Stoudenmire and other undergraduate members of the Senate Finance Committee at a meeting last Wednesday.

Jones said Stoudenmire does not view graduate students as a part of the university, so he should not be in charge of a committee that allocates student activity fees.

At the meeting,

Stoudenmire and other undergraduates referred to the money allocated to graduate students as a "gift from the undergraduates." Stoudenmire stands by this comment, but said he "one hundred thousand percent supports graduate students and the things that they do."

Jones disagrees that the Finance Committee's allocated graduate money should be considered a gift because graduate students help fund above-the-line programs like Student Government and Carolina Productions, which he says many graduate students do

not use. Preston likened this argument to saying that a student who does not go to the gym should not have to pay an athletic fee.

"Every student pays the same amount of money, whether you're an undergraduate or a graduate," Preston said. "A lot of students don't use some programs, but their money is part of university student fees."

That money is put into a proverbial pot, from which USC officials fund above-the-line programs. After the

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