Resolution # 0506-02

Resolution Encouraging the Decoupling of the University of Missouri-Columbia Campus from other UM Campuses

Purpose: To request that the University System and the Board of Curators allow the decoupling of all UM campuses to allow each campus the opportunity to create and implement their own tuition models.

WHEREAS, There currently is an issue and discussion of what would be the best tuition model to be implemented in the UM system to adequately cover proposed budget plans while at the same time providing for expansion and development of each campus, and

WHEREAS, University of Missouri system is a unique one, in that, we have four very diverse campuses including: University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Missouri-Rolla, and University of Missouri-St. Louis, and

WHEREAS, Each System campus exists in a different market with different competitive forces which must be recognized and addressed, and

WHEREAS, The costs and arrays of programs at MU are different than those offered at the other UM campuses which suggests a need for a different pricing structure exists, and

WHEREAS, We compete with a broader market for students than other UM campuses, and

WHEREAS, We may have to charge higher tuitions if we are to retain our reputation because we have to compete in a national/international market for top-rated faculty, and

WHEREAS, The decoupling of the University of Missouri-Columbia campus would, in no way, decrease the amount of funding provided by the state or the UM system.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Assembly of the Graduate Professional Council supports the decoupling of the University of Missouri-Columbia campus for the purpose of creation and implementation of a new tuition model, independent of all other campuses in the UM system.

EXECUTION CLAUSE: Upon passage, the GPC President will send a copy of this resolution to the Tuition Task Force Committee Chair, the Chief Budget Officer Tim Rooney, and Chancellor Deaton asking them to communicate GPC’s position to appropriate University administrators and the Board of Curators.

Respectfully Submitted,
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