Resolution # 0506-05

Resolution outlining the Graduate Professional Council’s Recommendations for the Fee Increase Supporting the Student Counseling Center

Purpose: To request that a reallocation of $1.50/student/semester be reallocated from the Recreational Services inflationary increase and an additional $0.25/student/semester be reallocated from SFCIC, and an additional $1.75/student/semester fee (this is a new fee), be applied for a total of $3.50/student/semester for the further development and maintenance of the Student Counseling Center of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

WHEREAS, a major component of the vision of the Graduate Professional Council is to provide educational, social and professional resources for a well-rounded educational experience, and

WHEREAS, the health and well being of the Graduate and Professional Students are partially the responsibility of the Graduate Professional Council, and

WHEREAS, current studies suggest that more people are coming in with severe problems and using counseling center services than ever before (reported by 85% of all counseling centers nationwide), and

WHEREAS, the Student Counseling Center provides services such as couples and family group counseling and the Dissertation Support Group, which are specifically developed to aid and support graduate and professional students, and

WHEREAS, by supporting this program we are not only supporting our fellow graduate and professional students, but also providing teaching and supervision to other graduate students who are in programs of Counseling Psychology Graduate Studies, and

WHEREAS, we can solve this problem with a $3.50 a semester fee reallocation, half of which is being willingly reallocated through the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs’ office, and

WHEREAS, the Student Counseling Center has stated that their fee increase would be used to increase the visibility of the Counseling Center to our representative student population.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Assembly of the Graduate Professional Council recommends a permanent reallocation of $1.50 a semester to be reallocated from the Recreational Services inflationary increase, and $0.25 a semester to be reallocated from SFCIC, and $1.75 of new fees to be reallocated to the Counseling Center for further support and development of the University of Missouri-Columbia’s Student Counseling Center.
EXECUTION CLAUSE: Upon passage, the GPC President and Executive Council will send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Kathleen Boggs, Director of the Student Counseling Center, Jason Blunk, chair of SFRC, and Dr. Cathy Scroggs, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, for implementation of this new fee change/increase.

Respectfully Submitted,

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