Resolution # 0506-06

Resolution Against a $2.00/Student/Semester Fee Increase for the Development and Maintenance of The Reactor Field Shuttle System

Purpose: To request that a $2.00/student/semester fee increase for the parking shuttle system not be implemented against graduate, professional, and post-doctoral students for the coming 2006-2007 school year; and, that this only be implemented at an undergraduate student level.

WHEREAS, There currently exist three commuter lots (Trowbridge, Hearnes and the Reactor Field), of which students may be warranted commuter lot parking, causing them to have need of a shuttle system, and

WHEREAS, there exists no current data as to the number of graduate and professional students using these lots which could be provided by Parking and Transportation Services, and

WHEREAS, surveys performed by the Graduate Professional Council representatives and its executive council suggest that there is a minimal amount of graduate and professional students who choose to park in the commuter parking lots, and

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students do not use the commuter lots, and thus, the shuttle systems, as a result of graduate and teaching assistants parking near their facilities per the regulations of the University of Missouri-Columbia (see Parking and Transportation Main Web Page), and

WHEREAS, the shuttle system is described as a tool for those living in residence halls, and the majority of graduate and professional students do not live in residence halls on campus, and

WHEREAS, the proposed $2.00/student/semester fee increase would be utilized only to cover the deficit due to the city bus contract, ($217,910.24), created by the additional shuttle system service which is not being used by graduate and professional students, and

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students already pay $11.47/student/semester for a service we do not have to use due to our preferential parking privileges.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Assembly of the Graduate Professional Council requests that the $2.00/student/semester parking shuttle system fee be not implemented against graduate and professional students, as they do not readily use or will be using the shuttle system in the unforeseen future.

EXECUTION CLAUSE: Upon passage, the GPC President will send a copy of this resolution to the Director of Parking and Transportation Services, Mr. Jim Joy, and his
superior, Ms. Jackie Jones, Vice-Chancellor of Administrative Services, and to Chancellor Brady J. Deaton for further consideration and deliberation on the matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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