Resolution # 0607-01

Resolution to Support the University of Missouri-Columbia’s School of Medicine’s Proposal for a Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA)

Purpose: To present a unified student opinion and demonstrate student support of the University of Missouri-Columbia’s School of Medicine’s proposal for the NIH funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA).

WHEREAS, the Graduate Professional Council represents the voice of the graduate and professional student body through its elected General Assembly and thus represents an appropriate variety of all graduate and professional programs at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and

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

WHEREAS, the research landscape and research funding will be changing rapidly as research moves into the 21st century and the University of Missouri-Columbia is anxious to engage itself in this transformation, and

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri-Columbia is currently not a General Clinical Research Center, and the students of the University of Missouri-Columbia do not have the advantages offered to other NIH funded General Clinical Research Centers providing a greater research infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, there are currently 85 institutions with General Clinical Research Centers (GCRC’s) and only 60 Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA’s) will be awarded, and

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine and Graduate Studies programs focused in the sciences currently are tremendously disadvantaged by an underdeveloped clinical research infrastructure and no GCRC, and

WHEREAS, without a CTSA, even investigator-initiated NIH applications from MU will be less competitive because our research environment will be perceived as suboptimal and out-of-date, and

WHEREAS, the graduate and professional students of the University of Missouri-Columbia are always seeking paths to strengthen and broaden its base of learning and understanding and to re-engineer the future and paths of clinical research and technologies,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Assembly of the Graduate Professional Council respectfully states that they stand in full unified support of the School of
Medicine’s NIH Clinical and Translational Award proposal and will continue to work together with the School of Medicine in achieving its stated goals and purposes.

**EXECUTION CLAUSE**: Upon passage, the GPC President will send a copy of this resolution to the appropriate University officials including the Dean of the School of Medicine, the Provost of the University of Missouri-Columbia, and the Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Columbia to provide student support for the above-mentioned proposal and to encourage administrative support of this initiative.

Respectfully Submitted,

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