Resolution # 0607-04

A Recommendation in Support of the Creation of a College Readership Program Fee

Purpose: To present a unified understanding of how the fees should be obtained to administrate the Campus Readership Program and to establish a precedent for how fees should be utilized, services provided, and the Campus Readership Program governed as this program develops into the future.

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2003, the College Readership Program has been an unequivocal success, and

WHEREAS, the College Readership Program has derived its funds from the Student Activities Fee at a rate of $3.00 per semester, and

WHEREAS, to date, this $3.00 has been listed as part of the Student Government Fee, and

WHEREAS, neither MSA nor GPC were ever intended to receive the proceeds of the College Readership Fee, nor does either government exert control over this money through its accounts or otherwise at any point before they are used by College Readership, and

WHEREAS, describing the College Readership fee as a “Student Government” fee is inherently misleading to students and lacks transparency, and

WHEREAS, there has been confusion and controversy about the final destination and control of College Readership funds remaining unspent at the close of a fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the College Readership Program and the students of the University of Missouri that such confusion and controversy be avoided in the future,

THEREFORE, the Student Fee Review Committee recommends that, beginning in the 2007-2008 term, $3.00 be reallocated from the Student Government Fee to create a College Readership Fee, and

THEREFORE, the Student Fee Review Committee further recommends that this College Readership Fee should not be afforded any increase, including annual inflationary increases, absent a specific showing of need, and

THEREFORE, the Student Fee Review Committee further recommends that any unspent proceeds from the College Readership Fee in the future should remain with College Readership for the sole purpose of providing its services, and

THEREFORE, the Student Fee Review Committee further recommends that, as a consequence of receiving this fee, the College Readership Program should conduct a survey of the student body every four years to determine which publications are preferred by a majority of students, and
THEREFORE, the Student Fee Review Committee further recommends that as a consequence of receiving this fee, the College Readership Program should draft guidelines as to the continued implementation of this fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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