



Resolution No. 1819-19

A Resolution to Encourage the University of Missouri to Look into Providing Emergency Contraception to Students

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, The Missouri Students Association (MSA) recently passed MSA Senate Bill 58-30: “A Resolution to Support Emergency Contraception Initiative”, which is contained in Appendix I below; and

WHEREAS, This Senate Bill 58-30 encourages the University of Missouri to “investigate the financials and logistics of adding free emergency contraception to its health services”, in part because “access to emergency contraception affects student academic success, especially those who are survivors of sexual violence” and because the cost of emergency contraception at the University of Missouri has recently increased in price “from \$15 to \$35”; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council does support MSA in their initiative to increase access to emergency contraception; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Board of GPC works closely with MSA Leadership on any future steps that result from MSA’s initiative and from GPC’s support of this initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, That members of the GPC Executive Board meet with MSA Leadership and the Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Wellbeing to discuss creative ways of funding this project, including but not limited to ways in which the student health fee can play a role in funding this initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this initiative renews the discussion surrounding the health and wellbeing of all Mizzou students to the effect that Mizzou aims to provide the best care to its students as is financially, legally, and ethically responsible.

SUBMITTED,

Al Willsey, GPC President



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Appendix I – MSA Senate Bill 58-30

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION INITIATIVE

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Co-Sponsor(s): STARS, Feminist Student Union, MU Socialists, Mizzou College Democrats Mizzou Energy Action Coalition (MEC), Evan Mogley, Jessica Thomas

PURPOSE: To encourage the University of Missouri to explore opportunities to provide free emergency contraception to all students.

WHEREAS, access to emergency contraception affects student academic success, especially those who are survivors of sexual violence.

WHEREAS, making emergency contraception accessible will reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies and abortions.

WHEREAS, abortion access is unavailable in Columbia, and students would have to drive two hours and spend at least a 72-hour wait period in St. Louis between consultation clinic appointments to obtain an abortion.

WHEREAS, emergency contraception is expensive, and the University of Missouri-Columbia has recently raised the price of emergency contraception from \$15 to \$35 at their on-campus pharmacies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSOURI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION THAT the University of Missouri investigate the financials and logistics of adding free emergency contraception to its health services.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT students have expanded access to reproductive health support by the University of Missouri in cases of emergency, as supported by over 1,200 petition signatures, dozens of personal testimonies, and co-sponsored by Stronger Together Against Relationship and Sexual Violence (S.T.A.R.S.), Feminist Student Union, MU Socialists, Mizzou College Democrats.