



Resolution No. 1314-07  
A Resolution to Urge University of Missouri Administration to Act  
in Regard to Childcare for Students On Campus

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS, on 22 February 2014, a structural failure occurred at the University Village apartment complex causing a walkway to collapse; and
- WHEREAS, The University Village apartment complex houses the Student Parent Center, a childcare facility that allows graduate and professional students to have their children enrolled; and
- WHEREAS, on 12 March 2014, Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin announced that both the University Village apartment complex and the Student Parent Center housed within it will be shut down and demolished shortly after 30 June 2014; and
- WHEREAS, the Graduate Professional Council has heard the voices of students regarding this issue with overwhelming support toward continued access to safe and affordable childcare on campus; and
- WHEREAS, if the University is to continue support for the Student Parent Center, significant action will need to be taken by University Administration to ensure the center functions to the highest possible standard; and
- WHEREAS, graduate and professional student parents have strongly expressed that their childcare needs are not being met by University Administration; and
- WHEREAS, seeking childcare in the Columbia community can be problematic due to long waiting lists, safety concerns, scheduling conflicts, and convenience of location; and
- WHEREAS, access to safe and affordable childcare is, and ought to be viewed as, an issue of women's rights to higher education and women should be afforded the necessary resources to pursue higher education including childcare; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that availability of childcare on campus has been a significant factor in some graduate and professional students' decision to attend the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that some students have left the University of Missouri due to inadequate, unaffordable, and inconveniently-placed childcare therefore decreasing the diversity and richness of the student population at the University; be it

RESOLVED, by majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council take a uniform stance regarding access to childcare on campus herein described; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Professional Council urge University Administration to explore all options and opportunities for the continuity of access to childcare; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Professional Council urge University Administration to ensure that any childcare facility is placed in a convenient location, is affordably priced, and allows for flexible scheduling according to the needs of students; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Professional Council stands in solidarity with all student parents and family students at the University of Missouri in recognition of their valuable contributions not only in work and research but also in the richness and diversity of our campus.

SUBMITTED,

Mr. Eric A. Hucker  
Vice-President of GPC