



**Resolution No. 1516-02**  
**A Resolution in Support of the University of Missouri Libraries**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** The Libraries support every college, every department, every faculty member and every student on this campus, and
- WHEREAS,** The success of graduate and professional students is directly linked to the availability of library resources, and
- WHEREAS,** In the past one hundred years, our libraries steadily moved up the ranks in the world of libraries, culminating with a period of real industry leadership in the 1960's and 70's. However, in the most recent decades, we have steadily moved from being leaders to being followers and finally, now, to being left behind, and
- WHEREAS,** The fact that undergraduate, graduate, and professional students have agreed to take the recently-proposed Library Fee to referendum speaks to the love that we students have for our university, and for our libraries, and
- WHEREAS,** There have been decades of administrative failure, at the university level, to prioritize the crown jewel library system at this state's flagship university, and
- WHEREAS,** A short-sighted attitude taken by many lawmakers in regard to the value of institutions of higher education--an attitude that has undercut this university's ability to flourish, and
- WHEREAS,** The MU libraries are in a state of unacceptable disrepair, despite the heroic efforts of library leadership and staff, be it
- RESOLVED,** The Graduate Professional Council will work with MU's library staff to forge a vision that will set the direction for our next 100 years and create a student-centered library system that reflects the needs of its users.
- RESOLVED,** If the library fee is passed and if the university decreases university funding for the libraries, the Graduate Professional Council will work within the SFRC to terminate the library fee.
- RESOLVED,** The Graduate Professional Council urges administration to prioritize library funding from the general operating fund.

**SUBMITTED,**

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Vice President