



Resolution No. 1617-05

A Resolution Urging Administration to Work with Students to Fix the Broken Mechanism By Which Supplemental Fees are Altered Via a Specified Mechanism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** Resolutions 1213-01 and 1314-06 addressed the problems inherent in the current procedure for implementing and altering “supplemental” or “college-level” fees such as the Engineering “Excellence fee” and the A&S “Course fee”; and
- WHEREAS,** So-called “supplemental” fees, also referred to as “differential tuition”, can significantly impact the cost of attendance for graduate-professional students; and
- WHEREAS,** Supplemental fees are not covered, across the board, by the universities tuition waivers as they are provided to graduate workers; and
- WHEREAS,** Supplemental fee transparency is important to both graduate-professional students, generally, and to graduate workers, specifically; and
- WHEREAS,** GPC is the proper channel to push for transparency in the consultation process on supplemental fees, while the Coalition of Graduate Workers (CGW) is the proper channel to push for inclusion of “differential tuition” in graduate workers’ tuition waivers; and
- WHEREAS,** The unfortunate refusal of university administration to recognize CGW threatens to leave the employee-specific interests of graduate-professional students inadequately protected, which obligates GPC to temporarily address threats to those interests via resolutions such as this; and
- WHEREAS,** Both mandatory and supplemental fees amounts and purpose are poorly communicated to graduate-professional students, both year-to-year and for new students; and
- WHEREAS,** Mandatory fees, unlike supplemental fees, are overseen and determined in significant part by the student-led Student Fee Review Committee (SFRC), which provides both undergraduate students and graduate-professional students an opportunity for having a voice—and being granted transparency—in the determination of *mandatory* fees; and
- WHEREAS,** Resolution 1314-06 outlined a process by which an analogous process—which is sophisticated, detailed, and has since been updated—may be implemented for *supplemental* fees, which currently are and may be implemented and altered without meaningful consultation of affected students; and



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WHEREAS, Meetings between GPC, Missouri Students Association (MSA), SFRC, and administration occurred on the basis of 1314-06, but no progress has occurred since due to significant and widespread and continuous administrative turn-over; and

WHEREAS, Both MSA and SFRC support the spirit of GPC Resolution 1314-06, including housing the administrative functions related to whatever process of consultation is ultimately agreed upon for engaging students in the matter of supplemental fee changes under SFRC; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council urges the current MU administration to meet regularly with GPC, MSA, and SFRC for the duration of this Academic Year until which time a process for meaningfully consulting students with respect to proposed alterations to supplemental fees is agreed upon and implemented; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Graduate Professional Council encourages the MSA Senate to consider an analogous resolution to this one; and be it further

RESOLVED, A copy of this resolution will be distributed to the Coalition of Graduate Workers, MSA Senate Speaker, MSA President, MSA Budget Chair, SFRC Chair, the Chief Executive Officer of Mizzou, the Chief Financial Officer of Mizzou, and to all current deans (including acting and interim); and be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the spirit of Resolution 1516-16, the Graduate Professional Council Executive Board will convey regular updates to the Coalition of Graduate Workers Coordinating Committee regarding progress on the issue of supplemental fees.

SUBMITTED,

Alex Howe

Treasurer