



**Graduate Professional Council  
University of Missouri**

**Resolution 1112-05**

**A Resolution affirming GPC's support of SB747, a resolution in the Missouri legislature which would mandate that the student representative to the UM System Board of Curators be a graduate or professional student, and would also give voting privileges to the student representative.**

**WHEREAS**, the Graduate Professional Council, to be hereafter referred to as GPC, recognizes that a student voice with voting privileges on the UM System Board of Curators will provide better representation on the Board, and

**WHEREAS**, a student curator with voting privileges would provide a voice on the UM System Board of Curators for the more than 73,000 students of the UM system schools, and

**WHEREAS**, student tuition currently accounts for approximately 50% of the UM System's total annual funding, and

**WHEREAS**, students are close to the pulse of the UM System schools, and have the benefit of current, personal experience with the institutions governed by the Board of Curators, and

**WHEREAS**, the average age of past student representatives to the UM System Board of Curators is 23, and

**WHEREAS**, at least 33 other states have universities with a voting student member on their governing board, and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri House and Senate passed a similar plan in 2008 with votes of 100-47 and 31-2 respectively, and

**WHEREAS**, a student must go through a rigorous application process to ensure a qualified candidate serves on the Board, and

**WHEREAS**, a student then must be selected by the Missouri Governor and subsequently confirmed by the Missouri Senate, and

**WHEREAS**, the student representative on the UM System Board of Curators will have a two year term of service, with the student curator being chosen from one of the four UM System campuses on a rotating basis, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that GPC supports Senate Bill 747 to mandate that a graduate or professional student from one of the four UM System campuses serve as the 9<sup>th</sup> voting member of the UM System Board of Curators, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that GPC will formally support Senate Bill 747 at the Senate Committee Hearings for Education in March of 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

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