SENATE RESOLUTION S13-15
SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

TITLE: Providing Affordable Health Insurance for Family Members

WHEREAS: Graduate and professional students commonly have a family or start a family while attending Iowa State University, and

WHEREAS: Mandates by Iowa State University for international students require health insurance for the family members of graduate and professional students, and

WHEREAS: The current health insurance offered by Iowa State for spouse, child, or spouse/child can exceed one-half of the monthly average stipend of graduate students, and

WHEREAS: Providing lower cost student family health insurance will promote greater opportunities and marketing of Iowa State to prospective students with families, and

WHEREAS: A 2013 survey of graduate and professional students conducted by the Graduate Excellence Subcommittee identified the need to reduce the cost of the family plan in order to enhance graduate experience, and

WHEREAS: Iowa State still has an opportunity to take bids for health insurance needs for the upcoming years, be it therefore

RESOLVED: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate supports providing lower cost health insurance through Iowa State or through a selected alternative provider for family members of Iowa State University students, be it further

RESOLVED: The GPSS present its case to the Student and Scholars Health Insurance Program Office (SSHIP) and the SSHIP Committee, be it further

RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution be sent to the Graduate Council, the Graduate College, the Dean of Students, the Student and the SSHIP Office.

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