



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION F16-04 **SENATE MEETING September 26, 2016**

- TITLE:** Supporting the increase in the Students Health Fee Proposal Being Utilized for Expansion of Mental Health Facility
- WHEREAS:** Iowa State University needs greater upgradation of the Thielen Student Health center (TSHC), especially in mental health area, and
- WHEREAS:** Expanded mental health services for students are critical need, and
- WHEREAS:** Mental Health Practitioners are in extremely high demand, being the reason that TSHC is understaffed, and
- WHEREAS:** With the current students health fee of \$108.00, TSHC recently hired many new employees, from front desk to physicians, to match up with the need to serving 36,660 students, and,
- WHEREAS:** An additional \$12.00 per semester per student can allow TSHC to recruit additional staff including a psychiatrist, a mental health nurse practitioner, in addition to a registered nurse, medical assistant and at least three psychologists, be it therefore,
- RESOLVED:** The Graduate and Professional Students Senate supports the proposal from the Thielen Student Health Center to implement the increase of \$12.00 per semester per student to be utilized towards expansion of mental health services, and be it further,
- RESOLVED:** The copy of this resolution be sent to President Steven Leath, Senior Vice President of Students Affairs Martino Harmon, Director of Health Center Erin Baldwin, Director of Student Counseling Joyce Davidson and members of Special Students Fees and Tuition Committee.

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Approved by Vivek Lawana, President

Approved by Bharat Agrawal, Chair of the Senate

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