RESOLUTION

Senate Bill No.: R.S.13

Introduced By: Senator Srna,
Student Action Committee

Sponsored: 

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Speaker of the Senate Scannell

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Sponsored: Senator McHugh

Signed: President Foley

Resolution Supporting an Increase in the Annual Student Health Fee for the Purpose of Increasing Mental Health Resources

WHEREAS, the University of Vermont has publicly stated its dedication to physical and mental health and wellbeing¹,

WHEREAS, Nationally, universities are seeing an average of 29.6% increased demand for counseling centers (Attachment 1),

WHEREAS, the University of Vermont has seen a 43% increase of undergraduate students being diagnosed or treated for mental health conditions² (Attachment 1)

WHEREAS, in February 2018, the University of Vermont's Enterprise Risk Management Risk-Opportunity Portfolio identified Increased Student Health needs as a new top priority risk to be addressed³ (Attachment 2),

¹ https://www.uvm.edu/health

² This is above the national average of 30%

WHEREAS, the University of Vermont assesses an annual comprehensive fee as a part of student tuition and fees.

WHEREAS, the University of Vermont Board of Trustees approved a 2.0% increase in the CHWB fee from FY18-FY19 (Attachment 3).

WHEREAS, the annual University of Vermont student health fee is currently $708.

WHEREAS, CAPS is a well-used service, with increased demand in the last few years and over 14,000 annual appointments.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2018, the University of Vermont Student Government Association passed a Resolution Supporting the Hiring of a CAPS Counselor to be staffed in the Mosaic Center for Students of Color (Attachment 4).

LET IT BE KNOWN, due to the limited space allocated to CAPS, the Student Government Association urges the university to find tactful places to place counselors in order to meet demand, such as done with Mosaic Center, Prism Center, and Athletics.

BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Vermont Student Government Association, in order to advance mental health support and proper resource availability at the University, supports the increase to the annual student health fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the money generated from this increase will go towards mental health resources.

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4 Full-time students, both in and out-of-state, pay the same fixed rate, while part-time students pay a prorated fee based on the number of credits they are enrolled in.


6 This fee is split between CAPS, LivingWell, SHS to not only pay for physical space, personnel salaries, personnel benefits, but also additional programs and hiring initiated by the respective parties. http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/admissionfinancial/tuitionfees/

7 Finding more partners on campus, such as perhaps Interfaith Center, academic partners through different colleges, and other student services offices, could be a great way to build an increased network of support throughout UVM's campus.
Attachment 1. Slides from a presentation by Annie Stevens, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, at the UVM Board of Trustees EPIR Committee meeting on October 26, 2018 surrounding Enterprise Risk Management Risk #16, Increased Student Health Needs.
Attachment 2. UVM Enterprise Risk Management heat map Presented February 2018 to UVM Board of Trustees. Risk #16, Increased Student Health Needs is identified as new and received a score of 10-18, meaning it is a top priority to be addressed.

**Attachment 3.** Attachment from May 2018 UVM Board of Trustee meeting approving budgetary increases for FY18-FY19. CHWB is the lowest incremental increase of 2.0% (besides those identified as 0.0%).


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* New Component of Comprehensive Fee
** Increase in GCOA without the new City of Burlington Capital Projects Fee is 3.1% and 2.5% for in-state and Out-of-State respectively.
Attachment 4. SGA Resolution Supporting the Hiring of a CAPS Counselor to be staffed in the Mosaic Center for Students of Color.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE
THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
RESOLUTION

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Academic Affairs Committee

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President Petrillo

Resolution Supporting the Hiring of a CAPS Counselor to be staffed in the Mosaic Center for Students of Color

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2017, the UVM Athletics department hired a new counselor just for UVM athletics in recognition of the specific needs and time constraints of this particular student population,

WHEREAS, CAPS is a well-used service, with increased demand in the last few years and over 14,000 annual appointments,

WHEREAS, students of color at UVM face unique challenges that the university should acknowledge and address,

WHEREAS, in the current UVM environment there has been a demand for increased involvement of new and current staff to be better equipped to address and meet the concerns of students of color on campus,