

SIU SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CARBONDALE **GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT COUNCIL**

A resolution for consideration by the Graduate and Professional Student Council on Tuesday, January 27, 2015:

A Resolution in Support of the Student Health Insurance Taskforce Recommendation

WHEREAS, Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) is the recognized governing and representative body of all graduate and professional students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC);

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students seek a new student health insurance plan that offers expanded benefits as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA);

WHEREAS, the graduate and professional students of SIUC have continuously expressed their support for an ACA compliant health insurance plan by sending representatives to the Student Health Insurance Taskforce during the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years;

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 academic year is the last year that SIUC will be able to offer its self-funded student insurance plan because it is not in compliance with the ACA;

WHEREAS, other public Illinois universities—including the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University—already provide ACA compliant health insurance plans for their students;

WHEREAS, on September 23rd, 2014, GPSC unanimously passed a resolution in support of a new ACA compliant student health insurance plan;

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students are willing to pay more for an improved and fully ACA compliant health insurance plan, and acknowledge their option to opt-out of the plan if they have alternative health insurance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that graduate and professional students call upon University Administration and the Board of Trustees to approve the recommendation of the Student Health Insurance Taskforce and implement an ACA compliant student health insurance plan for the 2015-2016 academic year.