

2023-R-11

Resolution Addressing the Needs of Counseling and Psychological Services On-Campus

Sponsor: Strandvold Knudsen

Yes 18 No 0 Abs 0

Senators Present: 18

Co-Sponsors: Melody Wendt

Date: March 30, 2023

Francis Bronstein

Speaker Signature:

Paytyn Wilson

Vote Necessary: Majority

Intent: For The Associated students of Montana State University (ASMSU) to support the future of Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) and its fiscal needs, including a student fee increase, with the understanding that the services CPS offers will continue to have a positive impact on the success of the student body and students' mental health in the present and future.

Whereas, the health needs of the student body, especially mental health needs, have greatly increased at a post-pandemic Montana State University (MSU); and,

Whereas, CPS served over 2,025 students during the 2022 academic year, a 2.8% increase from the number of students served in the 2021 academic year; and,

Whereas, since 2021, CPS found that 73% of MSU students believe that emotional difficulties are hurting their ability to academically perform while attending college, including anxiety, stress, and depression; and,

Whereas, since 2021, 95% of students visiting CPS have been satisfied with the care that they received, as well as refer a friend to the services available through CPS; and,

Whereas, the needs of the student body continue to rise, especially in potential crisis situations, as CPS has seen a 137% increase since 2020 in the amount of crisis appointments they have held for MSU students; and,

Whereas, prevention and outreach trainings have been an essential part of the work CPS continues to do, as over 10,000 students and faculty have attended an outreach event, while over 700 students and faculty attended a suicide prevention training; and,

Whereas, the availability and outreach of CPS can be increased when it is added to the future wellness center at MSU; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, ASMSU will put out a statement of support for the student fee increase, on behalf of the student body, as a reflection of ASMSU's commitment to mental health resources on campus; and,

Further Resolved, Submit this resolution to Dr. Waded Cruzado, Montana State University President; Matthew R. Caires, MSU Dean of Students; Chris Kearns, Vice President of Student Success; Elizabeth Asserson, Director of MSU Counseling and Psychological Services, the MSU Exponent; and KGLT Radio.

VOTE:

Berry: Yes

Bronstein: Yes

Burchfield: Yes

Clark: Yes

Delker: Yes

Kaiser: Yes

Knudsen: Yes

Lerum: Yes

Lincke: Yes

Mathews: Yes

Musar: Yes

Ramirez: Yes

Roccisano: Yes

Scheldorf: Yes

Servheen : Yes

Sommers: Yes

Van Steeland: Yes

Vasquez: Absent

Wendt: Absent

Zink : Yes