



Second Resolution on the IMPORTANCE OF DUKE SPONSORED DENTAL INSURANCE TO STUDENTS' HEALTH

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Whereas, GPSC Resolution 2015-01 “Resolution on IMPORTANCE OF DUKE SPONSORED DENTAL INSURANCE TO STUDENT’S HEALTH” has previously been passed by the General Assembly,

Whereas, GPSC Resolution 2015-01 included the GPSC Graduate and Professional Health Survey, a survey of over 400 graduate and professional students across Duke, which “learned that 66% of reporting students do not have dental insurance”,

Recognizing, the GPSC Graduate and Professional Health Survey also found: “of the reporting students without dental insurance, 96% desire dental insurance and 61% desire dental insurance even if it increases their insurance premium”,

Recognizing, the GPSC Graduate and Professional Health Survey also found: “80% of students without dental insurance report that lacking dental insurance increases their stress level”,

Recognizing, the GPSC Graduate and Professional Health Survey also found: “approximately 90% of students would consider purchasing dental insurance at \$25 per month”,

Recognizing, GPSC Resolution 2015-01 conducted a peer institutional Dental Insurance study as well, and found: “17 of Duke’s top 19 peer institutions offer or require student dental insurance”,

Recognizing, significant increases in medical insurance costs are prohibitive for students, particularly for Masters and International Students.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the GPSG that the graduate and professional student body of Duke University:

Resubmits Resolution 2015-01 “Resolution on IMPORTANCE OF DUKE SPONSORED DENTAL INSURANCE TO STUDENT’S HEALTH”.

Calls for the addition of Dental Insurance to the Duke Student Medical Insurance Plan (SMIP), at minimal to no cost to students.

Calls on Duke’s Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee (SHIAC) to evaluate this possibility.

Calls for a student referendum across all nine Graduate and Professional Schools at Duke to assess support for the addition of Dental Insurance to the Duke Student Medical Insurance Plan (SMIP), at minimal to no cost to students.

References:

GPSC Resolution 2015-01 (source of quotes): https://dukegpsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/201501_dental.pdf

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