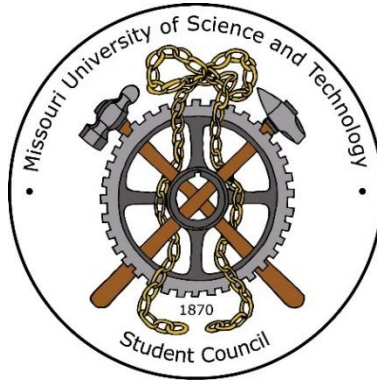


# Missouri University of Science and Technology Student Council



## *Accommodation of Enrollment Growth with Regards to Academic Programs, Facilities, and Student Services Resolution 1516R1*

**WHEREAS**, Missouri University of Science and Technology has had enrollment over the past five years surpassing all expectations, and;

**WHEREAS**, our university has nearly doubled in population from 4,626 students in the year 2000 to 8,889 students in the year 2015, and;

**WHEREAS**, our university's on-campus population has already surpassed that which was projected for the year 2020 by the 2014 Campus Master Plan, and;

**WHEREAS**, many of the students of Missouri University of Science and Technology have brought forward concerns about a lack of administration support with regards to the availability of on-campus housing, student services, and academic facilities, and;

**WHEREAS**, many of the newer facilities on our campus, such as the Havener Center, the Student Recreation Center, the Residential College, and Toomey Hall, were built to accommodate a student population of around 5,000 students, and;

**WHEREAS**, due to closing a majority of the Quadrangle Residence Hall complex, the Department of Residential Life has been forced to lease over a dozen buildings throughout the city of Rolla, Missouri, and;

**WHEREAS**, due to the closing of the Rayl Cafeteria, on-campus dining venues such as the Havener Center Food Court and the Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria are extremely over-burdened and insufficient, and;

**WHEREAS**, over 14 facilities at the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus were recently rated as “Poor” or “Below Average Condition” and in need of “Major Renovation” by a consultant team, and;

**WHEREAS**, the low student to faculty ratio that Missouri S&T is well-known for has been increasing steadily as our student body population has been increasing, and;

**WHEREAS**, our student body has recently initiated funding for multiple capital projects including but not limited to the construction of the Student Recreation Center and the installment of artificial turf on the varsity and intramural fields, and;

**WHEREAS**, our student body has been asked by administration and has acquiesced to supplement student service fees to support Title IX offices, Career Opportunities and Employer Relations offices, Counseling, Disability and Support Services, and other student services paid for by student fees to maintain the pre-existing quality of service in these areas, and;

**WHEREAS**, our student body pays approximately 48 percent of the operating budget for our university, and;

**WHEREAS**, only one of the major facilities built over the past ten years on the Missouri S&T campus has been funded without major financial support from generous Alumni, and;

**WHEREAS**, our students' quantity of concerns are emergent with regards to maintaining and improving the quality of education provided by our current campus infrastructure, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri University of Science and Technology Student Council is the mandated student governing body for all undergraduate students at Missouri S&T, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri S&T Student Council General Body is the official voice and advocate of the student body to the Missouri University of Science and Technology's Administration, and;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Missouri University of Science and Technology Student Council implores that our campus administration take a more aggressive role in the expansion of our academic facilities and physical campus before continuing to cultivate higher enrollment, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Student Council asks the campus administration to more actively focus on the expansion of student housing, such as the construction of more residence halls, before enrolling more students, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Student Council highly encourages all campus faculty, staff, and administrators to support the addition and expansion of student services at our university, such as on-campus dining options, recreational areas, and event spaces before enrolling more students, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Student Council requests that an effort be made to retrofit, renovate, and supplement all academic facilities so that they may best accommodate the scholastic needs of our students and their perennially expanding disciplines of study, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Student Council implores campus administration to consider our academic diversity and all 30 major academic degree programs equally when planning and implementing any and all renovations to campus, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Student Council highly encourages the administration to make all possible efforts to divert a majority of any supplementary or extraneous funding to the issues that have arisen from the insufficiencies of our campus infrastructure, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Student Council requests student representatives be introduced to and be included on the capital planning committees of Missouri S&T, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Student Council requests that the administration make every effort to collaborate with students in lobbying efforts aimed toward acquiring more funding for our University from both the state of Missouri and federal government for the purpose of capital infrastructure improvements, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Missouri University of Science and Technology Student Body does hereby appeal to the administration that these stated deficiencies and potential improvements be acknowledged as necessities for our campus sustainability, deserving of complete, effective action with all haste.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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