



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
SENATE RESOLUTION 25- 02

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Sustaining Our Salukis Fee

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University (SIU) Student Health Services provides exemplary care to all students who seek help at their clinic and satellite clinics for both mental and physical healthcare, as well as pharmacy needs,

WHEREAS, Student Health Services is running a deficit that significantly risks the continuation of affordable services to the students of SIU, has not seen a fee increase in over a decade, and has exhausted all other options to stabilize finances before asking for a student fee increase (including but not limited to staff cuts, salary cuts, and offered services cuts),

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) currently draws funding from a state grant that is not guaranteed every year, and the implementation of a student mental health fee would eliminate the copay cost of CAPS appointments while establishing a firm foundation for the continuation of the services on our campus,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) officially proclaims its unwavering support for the proposal to implement a \$2 increase per credit hour in the existing Student Health Services fee, and for the establishment of a \$5 per credit hour Saluki Mental Health fee, for continued affordable health services offered to SIU students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USG endorses the proposed fee implementations, amounting to \$7 per credit hour, to be allocated to SIU Student Health Services. This fee is intended to keep SIU Health Services affordable, establish a firm monetary foundation for mental health services, and sustain our student access to healthcare and pharmacy services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USG commits to presenting this resolution and proposal to Chancellor Austin Lane, urging the initiation of the necessary processes to introduce and implement the proposed fee for the FY26 fiscal year.

Adopted by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government on the 5th day
of December 2024.

We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this bill by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Bordewick".

Penny Bordewick, President, Undergraduate Student Government