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**Resolution 2009.01, whose purpose is to:**

*Recommend the addition of optional alternatives for dental care and a comprehensive review of Health Care Coverage for Students:*

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**WHEREAS**, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH INSURANCE TO ITS STUDENTS;

**WHEREAS**, CHOICE BETWEEN PROVIDERS IS A HALLMARK OF QUALITY HEALTH COVERAGE;

**WHEREAS**, STUDENTS SHOULD PLAY A ROLE IN DETERMINING WHAT BENEFITS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM BY THE UNIVERSITY;

**WHEREAS**, DENTAL HEALTH IS A VITAL PART OF OVERALL HEALTH;

**WHEREAS**, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THOROUGH AND RIGOROUS CLINICAL EDUCATION TO ALL APPLICABLE STUDENTS;

**WHEREAS**, STUDENTS HAVE VOICED THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF DENTAL CARE SERVICES AT THE DENTAL SCHOOL:

- EASE OF SCHEDULING;
- LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SERVICES;
- QUALITY OF CARE GIVEN BY STUDENT CLINICIANS;
- TRANSPARENCY OF COSTS FOR SERVICES;

**WHEREAS**, THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AND WILL ANALYZE A SURVEY TO ASSESS THE STATE OF GRADUATE STUDENT HEALTH CARE; AND

**WHEREAS**, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT OFFER HEALTH COVERAGE OF SIMILAR COST AND VALUE TO ITS GRADUATE STUDENTS AS ITS PEER INSTITUTIONS;

*Therefore, by the Graduate Student Senate acting in full session, be it*

**RESOLVED**, THAT UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION ADD ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR DENTAL COVERAGE TO STUDENTS ON THE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR, WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL COST IS REDUCED BY ATTAINING A LOWER GROUP RATE THAN GRADUATE STUDENTS COULD ACHIEVE ON THEIR OWN;

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SHOULD WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY AND THE DENTAL SCHOOL TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE GIVEN TO STUDENT PATIENTS WHILE UNDERSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENTS IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CLINICAL INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE TO STUDENT DENTISTS;

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION UTILIZES THE HEALTH CARE SURVEY RESULTS AND OTHER DATA TO LAUNCH A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF HEALTH BENEFITS AND COSTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS OVER THE NEXT **12** MONTHS WITH CHANGES BEING IMPLEMENTED DURING THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR;

**RESOLVED**, THAT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE A VITAL PART OF DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS REGARDING HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS AND COSTS AVAILABLE TO THEM IN A SYSTEMATIC, PLANNED, AND YEARLONG MANNER;

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**RESOLVED**, THAT THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO SUBSIDIZE ALL OR PART OF GRADUATE STUDENT HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE WITH PEER INSTITUTIONS IN THE RECRUITMENT OF THE BEST GRADUATE STUDENTS"; AND

**RESOLVED**, THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Barbara R. Snyder, *President*
- William A. Baeslack III, *Provost and Executive Vice President*
- Lynn Singer, *Deputy Provost and Vice President for Academic Programs*
- Glenn Nicholls, *Vice President for Student Affairs*
- Dean Patterson, *Associate Vice President for Student Affairs*
- Marybeth Katitus, *Associate Director, Operations, University Health Services*
- Louise Matchett, *Student Medical Plan Coordinator*
- Robert Brown - *Treasurer*
- Laura Corrigan – *Insurance Manager, Office of Risk Management and Insurance*
- Jerold Goldberg, *Dean of the School of Dental Medicine*

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Graduate Student Senate by:

**Emily Hornack**

GSS Healthcare Committee Chair

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