ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5-035

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW TESTING ACCOMMODATION CENTER

WHEREAS, Services for Students with Disabilities (hereafter SSD) provides student accommodations at the University and receives a growing number of students each year, with the number of applications reaching a record number of 1,071 in the 2014-2015 academic year; AND

WHEREAS, During the 2010-2011 academic year, SSD registered 1354 students, of which 514 were newly registered. However, in the 2014-2015 academic year, the total number of SSD registered students has essentially doubled to 2474 students, 727 of which were newly registered; AND

WHEREAS, More and more incoming students require these important services, as 40% of students registered with SSD in the 2014-2015 academic year were freshmen, while only 6% of registrants were graduating seniors in that same 2014-2015 academic year; AND

WHEREAS, Currently, room B129 of the Modern Languages Building’s basement is the only Testing Accommodation Center at the University of Michigan, and the Center is only available to students enrolled in certain LSA courses; AND

WHEREAS, The current Testing Accommodation Center in the Modern Languages Building only has 45 seats and cannot adequately accommodate the majority of students who require it. This lack of seating is especially true during midterms and finals, and will only worsen as more students register with SSD; AND

WHEREAS, Professors currently hold the legal responsibility of finding accommodations for their students, often leading to insufficient accommodations due to lack of adequate space provided by the University; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, CSG formally supports the building or creation of an improved Testing Accommodation Center on Central Campus and a new Testing Accommodation Center on North Campus which reflects the growing number of SSD applicants, and provides additional private rooms, specialized resources, and a reception area to minimize external distractions; AND

RESOLVED, CSG supports the notion that these Testing Accommodation Centers should be available to all students that register with Services for Students With Disabilities at the University of Michigan, regardless of their college affiliation; AND BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED, Central Student Government plans to work in collaboration with many of the college student governments as well as university administration officials and faculty to expand this initiative to all schools and colleges; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, Central Student Government send this resolution if passed to the Deans of all university colleges via email.

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