

RESOLUTION

Council of Graduate Students – University of Minnesota

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Topic: Support for Minnesota State Senate Bill 2460

Whereas the University of Minnesota administration is planning the construction of an on-campus stadium and is now raising funds to cover this cost;

Whereas the University administration built a mandatory student contribution totaling \$53 million into the initial stadium financing budget despite the early declaration from the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) to “vehemently oppose plans that rely upon any student fees contribution” for the stadium (2/2004);

Whereas State Senator Larry Pogemiller has introduced S.F. 2460 that, if passed, will ban a mandatory student fee by making “increased fees or charges imposed on students attending the University of Minnesota” a “prohibited funding source”;

Whereas S.F. 2460 has bi-partisan support in the Senate and is co-authored by Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson and Senator Geoff Michel the author of the Senate’s stadium financing bill; a companion bill is moving through the Minnesota State House;

BE IT RESOLVED that the representatives of COGS reaffirm our opposition to the use of a mandatory student fee to finance an on-campus stadium, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that COGS strongly supports Senate Bill 2460, and the House companion bill 3423, and its ban on student fees to support an on-campus stadium, and thanks Senator Pogemiller for supporting the interests of students.