RESOLUTION TO EXTEND STIPENDS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, AND THEREFORE SUBSIDIZED HEALTH INSURANCE FOR A TIME EQUIVALENT TO THE EXTENSION THAT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL GRANTS

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri’s Graduate School grants time extensions to degree, and

WHEREAS, extensions of stipends, assistantships, and therefore subsidized health insurance are administered at the Department level, and

WHEREAS, University of Missouri students in qualifying graduate research, library, and teaching assistantships; graduate fellows, graduate instructors; and fellowships may be eligible for a medical insurance subsidy, and

WHEREAS, time extensions without stipend support and medical insurance may result in abandonment of graduate program of study or in poor health outcomes for students and their dependents,

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Missouri Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty of the University of Missouri, urges academic units to continue payment of stipends, assistantships, and health insurance subsidies for a time equivalent to that which the Graduate School grants by way of an extension for degree completion for reasons of maternity, paternity, disability, medical leave, family caregiving, military service, or other reason deemed valid by the Graduate School.