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## Senate Resolution Number SP18 SR001

### A Resolution in Support of a Student Health Fee

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1 **Whereas**, the Counseling Center of Lewis & Clark College (hereafter: Lewis & Clark) has been  
2 supported since 2013 through a \$200,000 financial donation,

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4 **Contending that**, said donation was expected to fund the Counseling Center for four years,

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6 **Whereas**, upon conclusion of the 2017-2018 academic year, funding for the Counseling Center,  
7 including the Office of Case Management and the Health and Wellness Center will be significantly  
8 depleted,

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10 **Whereas**, the depletion of said donation has no current replacement,

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12 **Whereas**, the demand for mental health and counseling services for college students has risen  
13 dramatically over the last decade, and approximately 85% of Lewis & Clark's counseling services go  
14 toward undergraduate students,

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16 **Understanding that**, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students  
17 nationwide,

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19 **Whereas**, Dr. John Hancock, Chief Psychologist and Associate Dean of Students for Health and  
20 Wellness at Lewis & Clark presented to the Senate an annual fee (hereafter: Student Health Fee) that  
21 would fund the Counseling Center moving forward,

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23 **Holding that**, the Student Health Fee is considerably less expensive than comparable liberal arts  
24 colleges and avoids drastically raising the cost of tuition,

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26 **Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students here assembled** that we advocate for  
27 mental health and counseling services to support students of Lewis & Clark.

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29 **Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students here assembled** that we  
30 support the implementation of a Student Health Fee in the amount of \$38 per semester in order to  
31 maintain the mental health, counseling, and dietician services currently offered through the  
32 Counseling Center at Lewis & Clark.

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34 **This document shall be submitted to** Dr. John Hancock,

Introduced on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 by Nicole Dean '21 and Ariel McGee '21

Adopted on \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_