University Student Senate 50th Congress U.S.S. 50.21.04

Date Introduced: March 10th, 2020 Moved by: Vice President Johnson Seconded by: President Canon Sponsored by: None Needed

Title: Approval of the Legal Services Plan

Whereas, one of the many student concerns over the years has been off campus housing, specifically the legal requirements of leasing contracts and dealing with landlords;

Whereas, legal terms and jargon are hard to understand, especially for first time renters;

Whereas, giving the student body access to a lawyer for consultation on important documents and life choices would be extremely beneficial to those trying to navigate the legal world;

 Whereas, several UW System Universities and Student Governments have legal services provided to their student body to help them with similar issues. These being UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Whitewater, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Stevens Point;

Whereas, the Stout Student Association has offered these services on and off in the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s;

Whereas, Offering these services again would be of great benefit to our students, allowing them to be better informed of their legal rights, legal responsibilities, and help to protect them through that knowledge and counseling;

Whereas, a plan of action has been drawn up by Vice President Johnson on the specifics of a legal service offered by the Stout Student Association;

Be it therefore resolved, we, the U.S.S. of the S.S.A. approve the Legal Services Plan put forth by Vice President Johnson.

 Be it further resolved, this motion and a copy of the legal services plan be distributed to Stoutonia via physical copy, UW-Stout Chancellor Katherine Frank, Stout Student Association Vice President Christopher Johnson, Director of Executive Communications and External Relations Doug Mell, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.



Action: Passed

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President
Stout Student Association

Christopher Johnson Vice-President Stout Student Association