

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY,
RECOMMENDING THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND THE CAPITAL
PRIORITY PROJECT CONSTRUCTING THE HEALTH INNOVATIONS CENTER
AND RENOVATING FOUNDERS HALL [OLD SCIENCE BUILDING].**

WHEREAS: The Health Innovations Center [HIC] will house the departments of nursing, psychology, radiologic technology, health and nursing informatics, respiratory therapy and health science, and

WHEREAS: The existing facility used for the allied health disciplines, Albright Health Center, was built in 1984 to support the enrollment at the time and is antiquated, and

WHEREAS: Annually, NKU turns away 300-400 qualified nursing and allied health students due to space limitations, and

WHEREAS: NKU Nursing/Allied Health disciplines have seen more than a 100% enrollment increase in the last 7 years, and

WHEREAS: The construction of the HIC will be paired with a critical renovation of the Old Science Building combining the two facilities and saving the Commonwealth of Kentucky \$20 million, and

WHEREAS: Renovation of the Old Science Building is desperately needed because the facility has several capital renewal and life cycle issues, including: a deteriorating HVAC system with ineffective controls (increasing operation costs), an electrical system that needs to be re-wired to meet code, a fire alarm system that is obsolete because there is no sprinkler system, and the building has American Disabilities Act issues because the restroom fixture count is inadequate, and

WHEREAS: The Council on Postsecondary Education ranked the combined HIC/Old Science Building as its primary "Education and General" capital needs project and this renovation has been a top capital priority project since 1998, and

WHEREAS: According to the Council on Postsecondary Education, to reach the average of the regional comprehensive universities, NKU would need 705,000 net square feet of new space, and

WHEREAS: The construction of the HIC and renovation of the Old Science Building would reduce this space deficit 75,000 square feet, or 11%, and

WHEREAS: Healthcare related professions represent one of the largest segments of the Northern Kentucky region's Vision 2015 economic development plan, and

WHEREAS: The programs housed in the HIC will leverage hospital, physician, e-health, pharmaceutical, bio-technical, allied health, senior citizen and other medical related business

development in the region, ultimately benefiting economic development and relationships for NKU, and

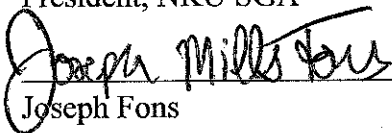
WHEREAS: The NKU College of Health Professions was offered a \$100,000+ donation for state of the art imaging technology equipment but had to turn it away because the existing facility structure could not support the equipment without major construction.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 2012 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND THE CAPITAL PRIORITY PROJECT CONSTRUCTING THE HEALTH INNOVATIONS CENTER AND RENOVATING FOUNDERS HALL [OLD SCIENCE BUILDING]

Signed: 

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