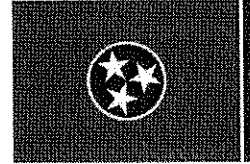




The 68th General Assembly of the
University of Memphis
Student Government Association



An Act to offer standing desks throughout The University of Memphis, with particular attention placed on the law school campus where students spend extended hours studying in seated positions.

Prime Sponsor(s): Hugh Cross
Cosponsor(s): Kelly Cook
Committee: Student Services

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association requests that main campus administration provide a reasonable amount of *standing desks* or similar furniture throughout all The University of Memphis campuses, wherever students generally congregate to study, which will allow students to remain standing while reading or working on laptops.

WHEREAS, all desks or furniture currently provided throughout are for sitting positions only, AND

WHEREAS, students must remain in a seated position when reading or working on a laptop, often for extended periods of time, AND

WHEREAS, remaining in a constant seated position has been shown to cause problems with ergonomics and efficiency for both students and professionals, AND

WHEREAS, cost of purchasing and installing this furniture will be provided by Physical Plant, AND

- Standing desks vary in cost and can be purchased and tailored to fit the décor and needs of the specific building or specific campus the standing desks are being provided to (i.e. University Center, Fogelman, Law School, Nursing School, etc.).
 - Approximately \$100.00-\$400.00 per standing desk, depending on style, type, and brand.

WHEREAS, a reasonable amount, for purposes of this bill, is defined as a discretionary amount determined by main campus administration in conjunction with Physical Plant that will:

- Attempt to incorporate a 20:1 ratio (i.e. [1] standing desk per every [20] seated desks);
- Can be tailored to fit the needs and décor of the particular building or campus.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE 68th General Assembly OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: Requests that main campus administration provide a reasonable amount of *standing desks* or similar furniture throughout all The University of Memphis campuses, wherever students generally congregate to study, which will allow students to remain standing while reading or working on laptops in effort to allow students the option to remain standing and likely improve posture and productivity.

Section 2: Upon passage, this act shall come into effect during the 2017-2018 academic school year.

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