

Resolution: In Opposition to Staffing Cuts in Critical Areas on Campus  
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WHEREAS: The inability to fund Protestant Chaplain K.P. Hong's position of Assistant Director for Religious and Spiritual Life for the 2013-2014 academic year potentially represents the first in a line of upcoming staffing and programming cuts.

WHEREAS: Macalester College Student Government (MCSG) recognizes the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life as a valuable asset for promoting student well-being.

WHEREAS: Due to availability, students often cannot access resources related to crucial student needs, including but not limited to spiritual life, mental health counseling, medical services, academic support, and multicultural life.

WHEREAS: Macalester's Step Forward Campaign (2006-2011) demonstrated the College's ability to raise \$156 million for its top priorities, but did not specifically address concerns regarding the aforementioned crucial student needs.

WHEREAS: Macalester College Student Government (MCSG) takes seriously the crucial student needs addressed by Macalester's professional staff.

THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, That MCSG calls on Macalester College to consider balancing crucial student needs – including but not limited to spiritual life, mental health counseling, medical services, academic support, and multicultural life – in its strategic planning process with other important budget priorities.

RESOLVED, That MCSG calls on Macalester College to consider fundraising for crucial student needs commensurate with increasing demand.