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**UPUA Supports New Central Support for Mental Health Efforts**

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – Feb. 16, 2017** – The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA), on behalf of the University Park undergraduate student body, supports President Barron’s announcement of new central support for mental health efforts.

The new support will come in the following manner:

1. Starting on July 1, the Office of the President will provide \$365,000 new funding for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). In addition, President Barron will assume financial responsibility for a position currently paid for by athletics, bringing the total to \$450,000. The source of these funds will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting later this month. The funding level is guaranteed for the next six years, but is certain to continue thereafter.
2. Corporate donations totaling \$7 million, that give President Barron broad discretion in how the funds can be used, will be placed into endowed status to support CAPS functions. At current rates, this fund should provide \$315,000 annually. These funds will become available annually starting on July 1, 2018. An additional \$25,000 will be added to bring the total annual central contribution to \$705,000 in new dollars.
3. The distribution of these funds will be based on the distribution of students paying fees, which is currently 59 percent University Park (UP) and 41 percent Commonwealth (CC). Thus, the new funding for UP will be \$215,000 on July 1, 2017 and \$415,000 starting on July 1, 2018. The new funding for CC will be \$150,000 on July 1, 2017 and \$290,000 on July 1, 2018.

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“We are very grateful for the President’s commitment to matching the University Park Student Fee Board’s contributions to Counseling and Psychological Services,” said UPUA President, Terry Ford. “I would be out of place if I did not mention the long-standing commitment on behalf of the President and Vice President Damon Sims to address this issue, long before the Student Fee Board managed to come up with a plan of its own. All of us in UPUA are excited for this Friday’s Student Fee Board meeting, where we will be voting on the funding proposal submitted by CAPS in January. On a personal note, I am enthusiastic about this opportunity to fulfill a top priority on the Ford-Jordan UPUA platform by ending the mental healthcare funding crisis.”

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The University Park Undergraduate Association works to provide students representation at the highest levels of administration and build programs to the benefit of undergraduates at University Park.



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<b>Office of the President</b>	
New funding to match Student Fee Board contributions to CAPS	\$365,000
Cost to assume financial responsibility for counsel or positions currently paid for by Intercollegiate Athletics	\$85,000 (not included in overall contribution)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

<b>Corporate Donations (available July 1, 2018)</b>	
New corporate donations in endowed status for CAPS	\$7,000,000 (not included in overall contribution)
Annual interest created from endowed corporate donations	\$315,000

<b>Additional Contribution</b> (available July 1, 2018)	\$25,000
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<b>Total Contributions</b>	
Office of the President - New funding for CAPS	\$365,000
Annual interest created from endowed corporate donations (available July 1, 2018)	\$315,000
Additional contribution (available July 1, 2018)	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$705,000</b>