WHEREAS the Access Missouri program provides funds for students to attend higher education institutions, and
WHEREAS the allocation and division of funds in the Access Missouri program for private versus public institutions are currently based on a percentage of the average cost of tuition, and
WHEREAS the current maximum funding allocated to students attending private institutions is $4,600 which, on average, accounts for 22% of tuition costs for private schools compared to the maximum funding allocated to students attending public institutions which is $2,150, accounting for 25% of the average tuition cost, and
NOTING that the Missouri Legislature is considering passing SB 784 and HB 812 which would modify Access Missouri’s funding distribution by mandating that all students who receive Access Missouri funding are eligible to receive a maximum of $2,850 regardless of whether or not they are private versus public institutions, and
RECOGNIZING that this legislation would impact future Drury students by cutting funding they would receive from Access Missouri by 38 percent, and
ACKNOWLEDGING the Student Government Association of Drury University has an obligation to act in the best interests of current and future Drury students;
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED that we, the Student Government Association of Drury University, shall compose a letter to be sent to Senator Norma Champion and Representative Charlie Norr expressing our opposition to SB 784 and HB 812 by urging them to vote against the aforementioned bills.