

## **BHES Staff Position Request:**

### **Science Resource Center Staff/ Full Time**

#### **Justification:**

Enrollment the Biology Department has been growing year to year in the last 3 years. In 2011- 2012 enrollment was at 6445; in 2012- 2013 enrollment was at 6832; and in 2013- 2014 enrollment was at 7271.

Targeted student enrollment has gone from 2063 to 2383 to 2699 during that same period. Meanwhile the success rates of our targeted student have stayed steady at approximately 67%. One of the proven tools to increase student success is to increase their access and exposure to study materials such as models, charts, bones, microscopic specimens and microscopes, resource books and manuals outside of the classroom.

At this time the Biology Science Resource Center is only open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Fridays. Working students and students with families can often not take advantage of the center due to the restricted hours. Students have voiced this concern on several occasions and at multiple venues. Opening the facilities on evenings and weekends would make the availability of the resources and the study environment more equitable to all students.

Staff support is needed to increase student access to Biology laboratory classes and to keep the Science Resource Center open evenings and weekends for greater student access.