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A RESOLUTION TO: Support an existing proposal for the creation of a minor in Human Rights, housed in the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Recognizing, that none of Grand Valley’s postsecondary pier institutions in the state of Michigan currently offer an undergraduate program in Human Rights, which gives Grand Valley a chance to lead the state in this fieldⁱ;

Recognizing, a Human Rights program helps serve as a stepping-stone to various careers and graduate programs, including – but not limited to – non-governmental organization management and Human Rights law;ⁱ

Recognizing, there has been discussion to create a minor in Human Rights for over one year, and the prospectus was approved by the Provost’s University Curriculum Committee and the New Programs Council in November of 2014;ⁱⁱ

Recognizing, that Professor Richard Hiskes, the Provost’s appointed chair of the Task Force for the Human Rights Minor Proposal, has substantial experience in this field through his work at the University of Connecticut, where the Human Rights program became a leading institution in its field in just three years;ⁱⁱⁱ

Recognizing, that in the pilot year of the base class for the minor, PLS 105 (Intro to Human Rights), all three sections were almost full to capacity;ⁱⁱⁱ

Recognizing, that all four PLS 105 sections were filled to capacity during the Fall 2014 semester, along with the two sections being offered this term;ⁱⁱⁱ

Recognizing, that an addition of a minor in Human Rights helps maintain GVSU’s values of inclusiveness and liberal education by allowing students to gain a better grasp on the concept of Human Rights;

Let It Be Resolved, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports the proposed creation of a minor in Human Rights, housed in the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies.

ⁱ University of Michigan Law School. “Human Rights.” Accessed February 4, 2015. <http://bit.ly/1DFaCsu>.

ⁱⁱ Interview via e-mail with Professor Richard Hiskes, January 14 - February 4, 2015.

ⁱⁱⁱ University of Connecticut Human Rights Institute. “Human Rights Institute.” Accessed February 4, 2015. <http://humanrights.uconn.edu/#>.