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A RESOLUTION TO: Ratify the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF).

Recognizing, student governments from across the state of Michigan convened for the United Student Governments of Michigan Conference at Saginaw Valley State University on November 9, 2019; and

Recognizing, student government delegates in attendance passed a motion for the creation of the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding, pending ratification by a sufficient number of member student governments; and

Whereas, Student Senate believes that a successful system of higher education institutions can only exist when the state appropriates adequate and equitable funding to colleges and universities; and

Whereas, communication and collaboration between universities increases the chance of the State of Michigan being responsive to the needs of students at higher education institutions; and

Whereas, creating a task force and/or position within student governments committed to the State Funding Project would ensure continuing action on lobbying goals that incorporate the unique needs of each higher education institution; and

Whereas, Student Senate believes that any higher education appropriation that comes at the expense of PK-12 education in this State is unwise and counterproductive; and

Recognizing, Student Senate retains the right to select and remove representatives for this coalition and will do so in accordance with the Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws; and

Recognizing, Student Senate retains the right to withdraw its membership from the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding at any time; and

Recognizing, the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding is proposed as a voluntary confederacy of student governments and their constituencies and may not compel action from Student Senate;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate, acting on behalf of the student body, hereby ratifies the creation of the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF) to be guided by a board that consists of 1-2 representatives from each participating higher education institution.