



Resolution Number:	W-22-05	Sponsored By:	Vice President Justin Frappier
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Voted On:	17 March 2022		
Result:	Passed		
Vote Count:			

A RESOLUTION TO: Ratify USG Resolution 2022-005 for 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 (USG) at University of Michigan-Flint on February 19, 2022; and

Recognizing, student government delegates in attendance at the United Legislative Session adopted Resolution 2022-005 by a vote of 12 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 1 abstention, with the resolution pending ratification by a sufficient number of member student governments; and

Recognizing, Appendix A below displays Resolution 2022-005 from the USG Conference, the Resolution to be ratified; and

Whereas, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports the reinstatement of SCHEF to ensure that the state appropriates adequate and equitable funding to Michigan colleges and universities; and

Whereas, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate believes that consistent communication and collaboration between Michigan 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 efforts surrounding higher education funding would ensure continued action on goals that incorporate the unique needs of each higher education institution; 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 Resolution 2022-005, visible in Appendix A, and the creation of the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF) to be guided by a board that consists of one to two representatives from each participating higher education institution.

Appendix A: Resolution 2022-005 from the USG Conference



The 2022 United Student Government of Michigan Conference

Resolution 2022-005

Adopted by the United Student Government of Michigan on 02/19/2022

Sponsoring Session: **State Funding Legislative Session**

Support for the Creation of the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF)

NOTING, student governments from across the state of Michigan convened for the United Student Governments of Michigan Conference at University of Michigan Flint on February 19th, 2022; AND,

WHEREAS, we believe 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 Michigan State Government 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 continued action on goals that incorporate the unique needs of each Higher Education Institution; AND THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, the student government representatives in attendance demand the State of Michigan allocate more appropriate funding to Higher Education Institutions so that they can function without draining the limited financial resources of Michigan students; AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that an interuniversity coalition be established and will be called the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF); AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, the coalition will be made up of 2 representatives from each participating Higher Education Institution, and shall consistently meet on a monthly basis further established by the coalition; AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, meetings will occur in person once per academic year and monthly via an electronic platform; AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, in adopting this resolution, delegates in attendance agree that Representative Smith from Saginaw Valley State University, President Andrew Romano from Oakland University, and Vice President of External Relations Justin Frappier from

Grand Valley State University will serve as interim co-chairs of SCHEF for the duration of the Winter 2022 semester; AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, starting in Fall 2022, the coalition will elect a member at the beginning of each semester to serve as Chair for the duration of that semester; AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that all ratifying Higher Education Institutions shall create either a position or task force within their own Student Governing Bodies that focuses on Higher Education funding from the State of Michigan; AND BE IT FINALLY,

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Lt. Governor Gilchrist, the Michigan Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Higher Education, each member of the Michigan state legislature with a public university located in their district, The Michigan Association of State Universities, and the president of the public universities that are present and voting at the United Legislative Session.

Adopted by the United Student Government of Michigan on 02/19/2022