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A BILL TO: Withdraw Student Senate Participation From Battle of the Valleys

Recognizing, the annual Battle of the Valleys (BOV) is a fundraiser between the student governments of Grand Valley State University (GVSU) and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU); and,

Recognizing, the lack of student participation and interest in the BOV fundraiser since 2020; and,

Recognizing, cabinet members who spearhead BOV are not appropriately compensated for their time; and,

Whereas, cabinet members have other obligations throughout the summer semesters, such as internships or jobs, which BOV significantly interferes with; and,

Recognizing, that GVSU’s bureaucratic structure provides an inherent disadvantage to being competitive against SVSU; and,

Recognizing, two (2) examples of the burdensome bureaucratic structure include being unable to accept cash donations from students and being unable to accept donations over venmo (or other payment apps) which are frequently used by college students; and,

Recognizing, Student Senate is shifting permanently to a legislative focus that is centered around representing the student voice to the university administration; and,

Whereas, Student Senate believes that BOV no longer fits this focus; and,

Whereas, Student Senate is committed to giving back to the community through philanthropic avenues that more align with the current focuses of the Student Senate; and,

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, the GVSU Student Senate, acting on behalf of the student body, formally withdraws from the Battle of the Valleys fundraiser rules agreement effective immediately.