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**A RESOLUTION TO:** Endorse Reach Higher Together and the Academic Affairs Strategic Framework.

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**Recognizing**, Reach Higher Together is the next phase of Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) strategic plan and outlines how the University will deliver on promises made to the GVSU community;<sup>1</sup> and

**Recognizing**, with focuses on lifelong learning, impact-driven discovery, educational equity and well-being, and providing an empowered educational experience, Reach Higher Together will help guide students, faculty, staff, and alumni towards success in their endeavors; and

**Recognizing**, the Academic Affairs Strategic Framework, a divisional plan parallel to Reach Higher Together, creates a roadmap and call to action for one of the most critical university divisions for students;<sup>2</sup> and

**Recognizing**, by centering the cultivation of transformative teaching and curriculum; empowering learners for the future; amplifying research, scholarship, and creative activity; advancing an organizational culture of inclusion, equity, and joyful well-being; and activating partnerships to drive impact for people, place, and planet, the framework prioritizes students' academic achievements while removing barriers to education; and

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<sup>1</sup> [gvsu.edu/reachhighertogether](http://gvsu.edu/reachhighertogether)

<sup>2</sup> [gvsu.edu/aASF](http://gvsu.edu/aASF)

**Recognizing**, the formation of both plans has been a collaborative and robust example of shared governance; and

**Recognizing**, representatives from administration, the University Academic Senate, the Administration Professionals Committee, and the Student Senate have been involved in each step of the formation of each plan; and

**Recognizing**, in particular, members of the Student Senate body have participated in the Reach Higher Collaborative Leadership Network and listening, foresight, and feedback sessions, to help shape and represent students in the planning process;

**Therefore, Let it Be Resolved**, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate is confident in the future of our university and the commitment to our students that is embraced by these frameworks; and

**Furthermore, Let it Be Resolved**, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate, acting on behalf of the student body, formally endorses both Reach Higher Together and the Academic Affairs Strategic Framework, their content, and their plans to support a diverse and dynamic student body and learning ecosystem.