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A BILL TO: Transform Student Organization Support and Establish a Student Organization Resource Center.

Recognizing, that Grand Valley State University supports over 400 registered student organizations, collectively serving more than 22,000 students, and that these organizations play a critical role in fostering student engagement and leadership development; and

Whereas, student organizations provide opportunities for students to build community, develop professionally, and enhance their collegiate experience; and

Recognizing, that many student organizations face continual challenges related to leadership transitions, access to institutional knowledge, navigating funding processes, event planning, and advisor engagement; and

Whereas, the current structure of student organization support is decentralized, creating inefficiencies and barriers for student leadership seeking to effectively operate and grow their organizations; and

Recognizing, that strengthening institutional support systems for student organizations aligns with Grand Valley State University's commitment to student success, retention, and broader campus vibrancy; and

Whereas, peer institutions have demonstrated increased effectiveness in student organization success through centralized support models and dedicated resource centers that serve as hubs for collaboration and development;^{1,2} and

Recognizing, that Kirkhof Center room 0008 represents an underutilized and strategically located space suitable for conversion into a centralized, accessible hub designed to support student organizations; and

Recognizing, that a dedicated Student Organization Resource Center could provide shared space, accessible tools, and centralized support services that improve operational efficiency and organizational stability; and

Recognizing, that investing in student organization infrastructure is an investment in campus culture, student experience, and long-term institutional strength;

Recognizing, that the Campus Vibrancy Executive Summary provides strategic recommendations to “Empower Peer Networks” and “Leverage Anchor Spaces”;³ and

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate, acting on behalf of the student body, encourages Grand Valley State University to explore the development of a more centralized and structured support system for student organizations, including improved access to training, resources, and administrative guidance; and

Furthermore, Let it Be Resolved, that Grand Valley State University evaluates the feasibility of re-envisioning Kirkhof Center room 0008 into a Student Organization Resource Center designed to serve as a centralized hub for student organization support and, collaboration, and resource access; and

Furthermore, Let it Be Resolved, that Grand Valley State University explore need for space, resources, and support for registered student organizations located in the City Campus; and

Furthermore, Let it Be Resolved, that the University assesses the costs, space utilization, and infrastructure requirements necessary to support such a transformation.

¹ hope.edu/directory/buildings/bultman-student-center

² wmich.edu/student-center

³ Campus Vibrancy Executive Summary