

**ASNMU General Assembly Minutes**  
**November 21, 2019**  
**Jamrich 1317**

- I. **Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. **Roll Call**
  - a. *Greg Mihalopoulos* – unexcused absence
  - b. *Birdy Xiong* – excused absence
- III. **Public Comment**
  - a. None
- IV. **Approval of Consent Items**
  - a. **Agenda 11/21/2019**
  - b. **Minutes**
    - i. **10/03/2019**
    - ii. **10/31/2019**
    - iii. **11/14/2019**
  - c. *Mary* motioned to approve the consent items
    - i. *Jake* second; unanimously approved
- V. **Executive Reports**
  - a. **President – *Cody Mayer***
    - i. I want to give everyone an informal heads up regarding my service with ASNMU. Being the President of ASNMU, a Sergeant in the National Guard, a student, a member of the Board of Directors for the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, a Husband and soon to father is not only a great deal of stress on one individual, but more importantly, and my actual issue, is that there simply isn't enough time in the day for me to accomplish all that I can. With my wife and I expecting the birth of our daughter in earlier March the need for me to start working full time has become a reality, as providing for my family must be my first priority. I'm bringing all this up because there is simply no way I can effectively do the job that I would expect of myself as your President with adding a full time job into this already packed schedule. I intend to resign and step down effective December 15th and will have a formal letter to present two weeks from now at our next meeting. *Paige* and I have developed a solid plan moving forward and we fully anticipate a smooth transition. With that being said, please don't panic or stress about this. I'm still here as President for sure another month and I will still be on campus after that, not mention I have complete confidence in *Paige's* ability to lead this government, she is a highly intelligent and pragmatic individual who will do great and has been working side by side with me for about 8 months. I would also like to use this as an opportunity to nudge some of you to speak to *Paige* and I, as she will need a replacement as Vice President, so think about that. I would highly recommend that if you are interested, that you speak with *Paige*, we both agreed that the "I'd do it if asked" kind of mentality is not what we are looking for, be bold ask questions and show the confidence to come forward and at least talk to her about it if you are interested.
    - ii. On a completely different note, and one of my favor topics! The *Michigan Secretary of State* has issued a challenged to have our campus at 20% for being registered to vote. This is an exciting opportunity and I'm honestly hyped up about it. The *League of Women Voters* and the *NMU Administration* wanted to work with *ASNMU* to do a big absentee voter registration day and I think we should do one next semester and in the fall.
    - iii. Lastly, traditionally the *Elections Committee* sets the timeline for the elections, in order for elections to be included on the University Calendar we need the dates approved by tomorrow, typically elections are on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of April. I am requesting the Assembly vote

on making *ASNMMU* Election days on March 30th 31st and April 1st which is consistent with previous election years in order to increase awareness and transparency of these dates.

1. *Emma*: all those in favor of approving these dates?
  - a. unanimously approved

**b. Vice President – Paige Pucelik**

- i. If you are interested in being VP, let me know ASAP – especially if you have any questions about anything.
- ii. Your treasurer is not here but I have been asked to read his resignation letter  
[See end of minutes for resignation letter]
  1. *Greg Mihalopoulos*' resignation was approved; 8:0:3
- iii. I hope that everyone has a safe break. I look forward to seeing you all after!

**c. Treasurer – Cody Mayer**

- i. In accordance with the *ASNMMU Constitution* I am assumed the role of Acting Treasurer and SFC Chairperson effective as of November 20th 2019 at 9:07pm.
- ii. In keeping with being transparent I have an update to report. It was brought to my attention last night at about 10:14pm by *SFC* committee member and *ASNMMU Director of Public Relations* that our *Earmark Fund Group* student orgs were not contacted about the upcoming *EFG* evaluation meeting where they report to *SFC* on the current semester and present their plans for next semester. At this evaluation meeting *SFC* decides the allocation amount of each org and addresses carryforwards or deficits. Following previous semester's timelines a Preliminary report request should have been sent to these student orgs about a month ago and their final reports would have been approved for the *EFG* agenda this week. With that being said I have emailed each of these orgs with the appropriate documents necessary and included a final report from a student org a few years ago as an example to assist them. Acting within my powers as Acting Treasure I have waved the Preliminary report requirement of these orgs as it is simply not feasible to expect multiple reports at this time. The *EFG* meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00pm. I'd like to acknowledge and thank *Sammi* for not only quickly notifying me but also for assisting me with gathering the necessary documents and for assisting with communication with the orgs and *SFC* members. Additionally, acting at my direction, *Kash* the advisor for *SFC* has already spoken with *Simply Superior* to ensure food and refreshments will be provided at this meeting that can typically last for 3 consecutive hours.
- iii. Currently *ASNMMU* has \$8,699.96 left in allocation for this semester and if no further budgets are passed that amount will be a carry forward into next semester.
- iv. *SFC* currently has \$72,925.94 in their account with the *ReelRock* and *Drag Show* events still budgeted as outstanding monetary commitments. Assuming that the full amount of these approved budgets is spent, *SFC* will have a balance of \$60,853.21.

**d. Chair of the Assembly – Emma Drever**

- i. I know we are all about sustainability here at Northern, which is why we tried laptops, but it's clear to me that those are a distraction so from here on out we will be working with the projector.
- ii. Be looking for an email about next semester's schedule which will include committee meetings, GA meetings, and office hours. When scheduling your classes, keep *ASNMMU* in mind.
- iii. Please don't lose faith. I know that it has been a tough semester, but we can do this! You are all doing such great things and I am so proud of everyone for working together and accomplishing so much. You are a great organization and I love being your chair. If you feel like you've lost, or are losing, faith, come see me please.

**VI. New Business**

**a. Appointments – Paige Pucelik**

**i. Thomas Kettler – Food Advisory Board**

1. Closed ballot vote results: 10-0-1

**b. Budget**

**i. Period Project – *Kylie Lanser***

1. This budget [see end of minutes] is exactly the same as last time. We are currently in 12 bathrooms throughout campus and are seeking out donations so we can eventually expand the program. Eventually we would like to maybe work with other student organizations on this project but we have to sustain it ourselves for a year or two before we ask others to work with us which, in the event of collaboration, everyone involved would be financially responsible. I've currently reached out to 5 different businesses/organizations for donations and I'm waiting to hear back.
2. *Lana*: as a committee, we have decided that all the pixie cups will be in the food pantry because that is where people went to get them from [as opposed to the office].
3. *Logan* motioned to approve the budget
  - a. *Lana* second; unanimously approved

**c. Committee Update**

**i. External Affairs – *Logan Hartz***

1. [see end of minutes for resolutions]
2. United Conference Resolutions: These are all resolutions passed at the United Conference, which we were unable to attend. Melanie Thomas proxy voted for us - so while that session was going on, I was in constant communication with her. I was able to do this because of the relationships we built at the 1UP Conference. Our name is on all of these resolutions in some form or fashion, *Abby Smith* from SVSU has asked that we pass these resolutions through individual bodies. As of right now, they are non-binding, but when they are passed through us, they will be semi-binding and we will be responsible for upkeep.
  - a. **01-01**: we have voted in favor
  - b. **02-01**: we have voted in favor. We have already doing this in some way shape or form.
  - c. **02-02**: we have voted in favor. Again, *Northern* is already doing this. I don't know a lot about it but I know that we have one so this is a reminder to communicate with the folks who run the program.
  - d. **03-01**: we have (at least) temporarily abstained from this. This is one I would like to have a discussion about after we go through the rest of the resolutions.
  - e. **04-01**: we have voted in favor. *Emma* has done a great job of spearheading mental health initiatives on campus and we are a participating leader in this.
  - f. **05-01**: we have voted in favor. Yet again, we do this already in some sense. The Green and Gold Gala and money raised from that goes toward this kind of program. *DOS* offers some programs like this and the registrar does as well for school supplies.
  - g. **06-01**: this is another one we have (at least) temporarily abstained from. I was not sure where we stood on this because it's something that hasn't really come up with us. Therefore, we have abstained from this. If we support this, then we can vote to support it and I can let *Abby* know that in the email I send her after this discussion.
  - h. **07-01**: We have voted in favor of this as we have done initiatives in the past with bringing the *SOS Mobile Office* to campus and we are pretty good about getting student voter involvement. I think we are leaders among our peer institutions when it comes to this. I think in the competition amongst universities, *NMU* will show they are ahead of the game.
  - i. **07-02**: we have voted in favor of this. This is something I think *Emma* is great at and what I would like to see come out of this is a collaboration with the *Mental Health Task Force* and/or a couple members of the assembly interested in what *Emma* does and then I can connect you with my counterparts at other universities. I think the Mental Health Needs Assessment Survey we have is something that's unique to *Northern* so I think it could be an easy target area of collaboration with the other universities.

- j. **07-04:** we have voted in favor of this. *Northern* has this at least partially. I know that when students have extra meal swipes at the end of the semester they get put on a card or something, perhaps someone can elaborate on that a little more. I would like to learn more about this and I think that there should be some oversight of the program and data should be collected to see how effectively it's implemented at the moment.
  - i. *Sammi:* the cards are in the food pantry and have a single swipe on them for students who go there and seek that out. If you would like more info on that, *Hailey Rhodes* is the advisor of the food pantry. As far as I can tell, the program has been progressing well.

k. **Resolution 03-01 Discussion**

- i. This resolution is basically a substitute for the failure to implement *SAM* fully, which was shot down rather quickly. 15 universities would create coalitions based on need. If an issue arose that affected all universities, this would come together with effective and ineffective dates. *Tyler Ziel* wanted a *SAM*-like structure but this more or less covers what he wanted. The commitment is meeting over digital means once a month to discuss how the initiative for higher education funding is going. I would encourage everyone to be involved in this as it affects every one of us. The state allocation for funding is down when it comes to higher education. That affects us as students so I think it would be in our best interest to be involved in this and have a voice in guiding decisions. I would encourage you to vote in favor of this and I would also encourage you to slate all the resolutions when the time comes.
  - 1. *Cody:* I was in a meeting with the *Presidents Council* and they were talking about how in the next five years, enrollment is expected to decrease by 10%. That's about \$8m. We can't raise tuition anymore and funding isn't getting increased so that leaves cutting. I know that their main focus is recruitment and *Jason Nichols* is looking at data for how effective it is for students to steer the ship together to get more funding as opposed to cutting programs.
  - 2. *Logan:* this will be sent to the governor's office as well with the student signatures of those in support so I would be on the lookout for that in the future.
  - 3. *Cody:* maybe we could send it as a student wide email to get more votes and opinions. Out of curiosity, why did *LSSU* vote no?
    - a. *Logan:* essentially, *Tyler Ziel* got in touch with *LSSU* who was already split and he convinced them it was all or nothing with *SAM* and they were led to believe this gave too much power to the *University of Michigan (Flint)* and *Grand Valley State University* – which isn't the case. They have little power and can't even speak on behalf of us. They are just the chairs of the coalition and the document lays out the process for changing leadership. *Tyler* was trying to convince people that *SAM* was a better direction than this and *Melanie* was putting out fires behind him but she couldn't talk with *LSSU* prior to the vote. I would, personally, like for our body to step up and lead some of these initiatives.
- ii. It was decided that *NMU* would vote in favor of this resolution.

l. **Resolution 06-01 Discussion**

- i. *Marissa:* In *Michigan*, you can return cans for \$0.10 per can (or bottle). This was implemented because of the Great Lakes as an initiative to help prevent littering.
- ii. *Jake:* I support this but I want everyone to caution this on the precedence it sets. It doesn't have anything to do with the universities specifically and is a bill in *Michigan*.

- iii. *Cody*: I think the issue around this is the idea that individuals with food stamps can buy a pack of soda, dump them, and then take that money to buy something that's not a necessity.
- iv. *Lana*: I don't see why we can't support this. A lot of student groups rely on this as a way to get funds for certain things. Every house has a can/bottle return and that money is put toward house funding. Houses can't always request money, especially if the hall has bigger events. The bottle/can return helps funding as well as their grilled cheese nights and things like that.
- v. It was decided that *NMU* would vote in favor of this resolution
- m. *Lana* motioned to slate all of the resolutions.
  - i. *Marissa* second; unanimously approved.

ii. **Student Affairs – *Lana Wilson***

1. The 24 hour study lounge is something that we have done in the past and has been very helpful for students during finals week. With that being said, I don't have a budget this week because *Mike Bath* has just gotten back to me. We usually pay half the cost to have a student officer in the building. I am meeting with him next Tuesday, during break, and plan on going to e. board to approve it as a discretionary fund (so long as it is under \$150). That following Thursday I will have a budget with the cost of the officer on it.
2. For graduation this winter, we are loaning out 16 of the 23 gowns which is great to see. Come see me (and others) graduate on the 14<sup>th</sup>!
3. The lavender cords for graduation are available in the *Diversity & Inclusion Office*, the *MERC*, and the *ASNMU* Office. Tell your friends.

VII. **Good of the Order**

- a. *Jake*: I just want to say thank you to *Cody* for your service on *ASNMU* and for the relationships you've build for this organization.
- b. *Cody*: for those of you that don't know yet, *Connor* is our student speaker for Winter Commencement. For those of you that don't know *Connor*, he is the former VP of *ASNMU* and was a part of this organization for a long time and did a lot of great work throughout his time here.

VIII. **Public Comment**

- a. None

IX. **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Please consider this my official notice of resignation.

As this semester has gone on, I have realized that I would affect more change by resigning than by staying in ASNMU and trying to bring about meaningful change through the dysfunctional channels that currently exist.

ASNMU is like an old house with a bad foundation. We can patch bits and pieces and hope to keep the building somewhat presentable, but the foundation of the building is getting more and more unstable. The guiding documents of ASNMU are an absolute mess that desperately need to be changed. Nothing can get done in an organization with confusing and (more often than is reasonable) conflicting guiding documents. The entire house would need to be torn down and rebuilt again. The same with the guiding documents.

SFC chair and Treasurer should be two different positions. This is regrettable for any future treasurers as SFC is a blast; but the workload required for the holding both positions is too much to ask from one student who is not compensated nearly enough. Splitting this position would ensure that there is enough hours in a day to remain a person, as well as an effective member of student government. There are departments of this university that have paid staff to do the work that my old position currently handles. If the assembly hopes to have a future treasurer that can effectively do the job that is asked of them: I strongly suggest they tackle the urgent problem that is the workload of the position.

I am disappointed that I am leaving ASNMU, but after the E-board meeting on November 20th, I no longer feel like this organization and myself can have a productive working relationship. I am disappointed that this assembly has a habit of calling votes of no confidence on their treasurers.

I am extremely disappointed that I felt like I had no other choice but to resign at this time after I met with the rest of the E-board on the 20th. I therefore offer my resignation on the grounds that there are not enough hours in my day to accomplish everything that this assembly requires. I realize that I need to focus on school and on the hobbies, people and clubs that have made my life brighter. I am no longer an effective member of ASNMU and I have come to dread the same job that gave me so much happiness at the beginning of the semester. I have given everything important to continue my position to Cody. I wish you all the very best luck. To all of SFC: I am regretfully stepping down as chair, but

I hope that we will see each other in another meeting soon.

Unapologetically but respectfully resigning,

**Gregorios Mihalopoulos**

Former ASNMU Treasurer/SFC Chairman

# Resolution 01-01

SPONSORED BY: Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Grand Valley State, Lake Superior State, Michigan State, Michigan Technological, Oakland, Saginaw Valley State, Wayne State, Western Michigan, University of Michigan - Dearborn, and University of Michigan – Flint

**Background:** In 1972, the United States Congress passed Title IX, an amendment within the United States' Department of Education's regulations that would prevent discrimination based on sex. From presidential administration to administration, each executive set priority and submits new or revised guidelines for the United States Congress to pass.

**Whereas,** every educational institution that receives federal funding from the Department of Education is required to adhere to the guidelines within Title IX; and

**Whereas,** Title IX states, "Specifically, Title IX states that "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance"; and

**Whereas,** proposed or future changes to the nature of Title IX would affect all students; and

**Whereas,** the new proposals under the Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, including cross-examination of both parties, the increase in university mediation of cases, and changes to on and off-campus investigation requirements, affects all students at their respective institution; and

**Whereas,** the United Student Governments of Michigan Conference of higher education institutions formed a legislative Title IX session that detailed differences in student protections across Michigan; now therefore be it

**Resolved,** that delegates from each institution support the statewide initiative for higher education administrations to increase education, awareness, and protection on the topics encompassed within Title IX and how it affects each student; and

**Resolved,** that each university makes an earnest effort to provide more awareness, comprehensive education, advocacy, and services that may include, but not limited to: formation of a Title IX advisory board, implementation and/or expansion of blue light poles and buttons, mandatory and continued Title IX & sexual assault prevention training for Greek life, renewed online Title IX education for students, faculty, and staff, increased accessibility and transparency for reporting purposes on and offline, and increased mental health services for sexual assault survivors.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED

with a vote of 14 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:	Central Michigan University	Eastern Michigan University
	Lake Superior State University	Grand Valley State University
	Michigan State University	Michigan Technological University
	Northern Michigan University	Oakland University
	Saginaw Valley State University	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
	University of Michigan – Dearborn	University of Michigan – Flint
	Wayne State University	Western Michigan University

ABSENT:	Ferris State University
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# Resolution 02-01

SPONSORED BY: Oakland, Grand Valley State, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Michigan State, Wayne State, Saginaw Valley State, Lake Superior State, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Dearborn

## **A RESOLUTION TO: REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO HAVE A RECYCLING PROGRAM ACCESSIBLE TO FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS IN ALL AREAS OF CAMPUS**

**Whereas**, the University of Michigan-Dearborn and all other public universities in the state of Michigan may lack proper recycling bins and locations for the bins that make it accessible for students, faculty, and staff of the universities; and

**Whereas**, universities produce a large amount of paper, plastic, and glass waste without proper recycling; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, all public universities in the state of Michigan will mandate plastic, glass, and paper recycling bins in easily-accessible places on campus; and

**Resolved**, all faculty, staff, and students will have access to these bins, such as in faculty buildings as well as student facilities; and

**Resolved**, all bins will have permanent educational signage that tells users what can be recycled in each bin; and

**Resolved**, it will be the responsibility of universities, in collaboration with student governments and student organizations, to provide for the public education and investment in university recycling initiatives; and

**Resolved**, this will give all public universities' student governments' discretion to set a proper deadline for the implementation, location, and budget for the bins through the proper university facilities.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED

with a vote of 13 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE: Central Michigan University

Lake Superior State University

Grand Valley State University

Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University

Northern Michigan University

Oakland University

Saginaw Valley State University

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

University of Michigan – Dearborn

University of Michigan – Flint

Wayne State University

Western Michigan University

NEGATIVE:

Eastern Michigan University

ABSENT:

Ferris State University

# Resolution 02-02

SPONSORED BY: Oakland, Western Michigan, University of Michigan-Flint, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Wayne State, Michigan State, Grand Valley State, Lake Superior State, Central Michigan

## A RESOLUTION TO: REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO IMPLEMENT A FOOD WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM

**Whereas**, the Oakland University Student Congress and all other public universities in the state of Michigan have an excessive amount of food waste on campus and lack the programs necessary to address it; and

**Whereas**, understanding that existing composting programs and other food waste-diminishing programs are lacking; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Student Governments across the State of Michigan dedicate efforts to explore initiatives to adopt a composting program or food waste reduction program through the installation of programs such as:

- a. Green Cone Solar Digesters on their respective campus.
  - i. The number of Green Cones per campus shall be determined by the individual Student Governments.
- b. Installation of a biodigester.
- c. Implementation of a compost-pickup program in coordination with community partners.
- d. The establishment of a food recovery network program in coordination with student organizations, on-campus pantries, and community partners.
- e. Reduction of trays available to students in existing dining halls; and

**Resolved**, that along with the aforementioned initiatives, universities will resolve to enhance their current food reduction programs in order to better serve their individual student populations.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED  
with a vote of 13 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1 abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:            Central Michigan University            Eastern Michigan University  
   Grand Valley State University            Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University  
Oakland University  
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor  
University of Michigan – Flint  
Western Michigan University

Northern Michigan University  
Saginaw Valley State University  
University of Michigan – Dearborn  
Wayne State University

ABSTENTIONS: Lake Superior State University

ABSENT: Ferris State University

# Resolution 03-01

SPONSORED BY: University of Michigan – Flint, Grand Valley State, Eastern Michigan, Saginaw Valley State, Wayne State, Western Michigan

## A RESOLUTION TO: SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE STUDENT COALITION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING (SCHEF)

- Whereas**, 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
- 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 continuing action on lobbying goals that incorporate the unique needs of each Higher Education Institution; now 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
- Resolved**, that an interuniversity coalition be established and will be called the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF); and
- Resolved**, the coalition will be made up of 1-2 representatives from each participating Higher Education Institution, and shall consistently meet on a monthly basis further established by the coalition; and
- Resolved**, meetings will occur in person once per academic year and monthly via an electronic platform; and
- Resolved**, in adopting this resolution, delegates in attendance agree that Director Uptmor from the University of Michigan-Flint and Vice President of External Affairs Pagel from Grand Valley State University will serve as interim co-chairs of SCHEF for the duration of Fall 2019; and
- Resolved**, starting in Winter 2020, the coalition will elect a member at the beginning of each semester to serve as Chair for the duration of that semester; and

**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

**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, and the president of the public universities that are present and voting at the United Legislative Session.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED  
with a vote of 12 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 1 abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:	Central Michigan University	Eastern Michigan University
	Grand Valley State University	Michigan State University
	Michigan Technological University	Northern Michigan University
	Saginaw Valley State University	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
	University of Michigan – Dearborn	University of Michigan – Flint
	Wayne State University	Western Michigan University

NEGATIVE: Lake Superior State University

ABSTENTIONS: Oakland University

ABSENT: Ferris State University

# House Resolution 19 – 20

Introduced on November 11, 2019 by Representatives BASNER and SMITH.

## **THE STUDENTS OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT: A resolution to ratify Resolution 03-01 from the Fall 2019 United Student Governments Conference.**

**Whereas**, on November 9, 2019, the fifteen public universities within the State of Michigan were invited to Saginaw Valley State University for the Fall 2019 United Student Governments Conference; and

**Whereas**, Resolution 03-01, entitled "A resolution to support the creation of the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF)" was introduced in Legislative Session #3, titled "Funding", by sponsors: University of Michigan-Flint, Grand Valley State University, Saginaw Valley State University, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University; and

**Whereas**, delegates from participating universities convening in Legislative Session #3, voted to report Resolution 03-01 to the United Legislative Session for adoption; and

**Whereas**, delegates from Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University (by proxy), Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan-Flint, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University were present and voting at the United Legislative Session; and

**Whereas**, there was broad consensus amongst universities attending that there was a need for action regarding higher education funding; and

**Whereas**, Resolution 03-01 was created to increase communication and collaboration between institutions, while preserving the sovereignty of participating student governments; and

**Whereas**, Resolution 03-01 seeks to create the Student Coalition for Higher Education Funding (SCHEF), an interuniversity coalition dedicated to higher education funding; and

**Whereas**, Resolution 03-01 aims to ensure continuing action on unified strategic goals of participating student governments in regards to higher education funding; and

**Whereas**, Resolution 03-01 was adopted at the United Legislative Session by a vote of 12 in the affirmative, 1 against, and 1 abstention; and

**Whereas**, Resolution 07-03 has been referred by the United Legislative Session to the future SCHEF to take action once formed; now be it therefore

**Resolved**, that the Student Association of Saginaw Valley State University ratify Resolution 03-01 from the Fall 2019 United Student Governments Conference, as attached; and be it

**Resolved**, that the Student Association commission the President and Legislative Director to execute the powers found within the Student Association Charter and Bylaws to fulfill the duties and obligations hereinto, by ratifying Resolution 03-01 henceforth.

Placed on the floor on November 11, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED

with a vote of \_\_\_\_ in the affirmative, \_\_\_\_ in the negative, and \_\_\_\_ abstentions.

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Certified by Nora E. Lipetzky, Speaker of the Association

# Resolution 04-01

SPONSORED BY: Michigan State, University of Michigan – Dearborn, Oakland, Western Michigan

## A RESOLUTION TO: HAVE EVERY UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATE IN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

**Whereas**, there is a lack of solidarity on college campuses in support for mental health initiatives; and

**Whereas**, there is inconsistency in the continuity of mental health recognition on various public universities within the state; and

**Resolved**, that the public universities of Michigan will recognize and participate in an established, annually-occurring mental health awareness week; and

**Resolved**, that will occur during the semester occurring after the winter break, but is subjected to the annual approval of each university; and

**Resolved**, that will have its first occurrence during the 2020-2021 academic year; and

**Resolved**, that student government delegates will additionally present the advantageousness of a Fall Break for the consideration of each respective university student government to potentially be presented to each respective administration.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED  
with a vote of \_\_\_ in the affirmative, \_\_\_ in the negative, and \_\_\_ abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:	Eastern Michigan University	Lake Superior State University
	Grand Valley State University	Michigan State University
	Michigan Technological University	Northern Michigan University
	Oakland University	Saginaw Valley State University
	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	University of Michigan – Dearborn
	University of Michigan – Flint	Wayne State University
	Western Michigan University	

NEGATIVE: Central Michigan University

ABSENT: Ferris State University

# Resolution 05-01

SPONSORED BY: Oakland, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Grand Valley State, Michigan State, Michigan Technological, Saginaw Valley State

**A RESOLUTION TO:** HAVE A COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES OF AFFORDABILITY IN REGARDS TO COURSE MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS AT OUR UNIVERSITIES, AND TO STANDARDIZE METHODS FOR BEST ADVOCATING FOR OUR STUDENTS.

**Whereas**, over the past decade, textbook prices have increased by 88%, which is three times the rate of inflation; and

**Whereas**, textbooks and other course materials have a significant impact financially and mentally on students at higher education institutions; and

**Whereas**, to ensure that faculty members are educated on the high quality and low price of Open Educational Resources in order to create a more equitable and successful educational experience; and

**Whereas**, students should have a comprehensive understanding of the requirements, both educationally and financially, before committing to a course; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, to create a standardized survey to be distributed to the students of each respective university in order to understand the need for affordability of certain course materials; and

**Resolved**, t/o encourage professors to be transparent with students and respective departments on our campuses sufficiently in advance to the start of the upcoming semester; and

**Resolved**, our governing bodies will work to create and/or sustain constructive relationships with bookstore retailers at our institutions; and

**Resolved**, begin and/or continue conversations with respective departments or governing bodies at our institutions in order to create progress towards this initiative.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED  
with a vote of   14   in the affirmative,   0   in the negative, and   0   abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:                      Central Michigan University                      Eastern Michigan University

Lake Superior State University

Grand Valley State University

Michigan State University

Michigan Technological University

Northern Michigan University

Oakland University

Saginaw Valley State University

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

University of Michigan – Dearborn

University of Michigan – Flint

Wayne State University

Western Michigan University

ABSENT:

Ferris State University

# Resolution 06-01

SPONSORED BY: Oakland, Grand Valley State, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Michigan State, Wayne State, Saginaw Valley State, Lake Superior State, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Flint, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Michigan State, Lake Superior State

## A RESOLUTION TO: SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF THE MICHIGAN STATE BOTTLE DEPOSIT

**Whereas**, in 1976, the Michigan Legislature passed legislation to create Michigan’s 10-cent bottle deposit to control litter, and

**Whereas**, during the 2018 legislative session, Representative Joe Bellino proposed eliminating Michigan’s bottle deposit, and

**Whereas**, the students of Michigan’s public four-year institutions are engaged to prevent littering and protect Michigan’s greatest asset — our environment, now therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the students of Michigan’s public four-year institutions support the inclusion of new forms of containers becoming deposit-subject, including, for example, water bottles, and be it

**Resolved**, that the students of Michigan’s public four-year institutions oppose any repeal of Michigan’s bottle deposit and urge the State of Michigan to seek a way to ensure that the recyclables obtained through the bottle deposit system may be introduced into municipal recycling streams to allow for municipalities to better invest in their recycling infrastructure.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED

with a vote of   11   in the affirmative,   1   in the negative, and   2   abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:	Central Michigan University	Lake Superior State University
	Grand Valley State University	Michigan Technological University
	Oakland University	Saginaw Valley State University
	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	University of Michigan – Dearborn
	University of Michigan – Flint	Wayne State University

Western Michigan University

NEGATIVE: Michigan State University

ABSTENTIONS: Northern Michigan University Eastern Michigan University

ABSENT: Ferris State University

# Resolution 07-01

SPONSORED BY: Wayne State, Eastern Michigan, Saginaw Valley State, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Oakland, Grand Valley State, Michigan Technological, University of Michigan - Flint, University of Michigan – Dearborn

## **A RESOLUTION TO: CALL UPON UNIVERSITIES TO REMOVE BARRIERS THAT PREVENT STUDENTS FROM ACCESSING THE BALLOT**

- Whereas,** Students who live on and around campus face many barriers to registering and voting at their on-campus address; and
- Whereas,** Chief among these barriers is the lack of on-campus polling location(s) at most of Michigan’s public universities for students who live on and around campus to conveniently vote at; and
- Whereas,** In a country and a state with a history of enacting laws that disenfranchise student voting, and with the many present institutional barriers that prevent students from effectively exercising their right to vote, universities are obligated to step up and promote student civic engagement; and
- Whereas,** Due to the severe time constraints in students’ busy schedules, students are often prevented from the opportunity to vote on election day; and
- Whereas,** It is further imperative for universities to promote student civic engagement as a fundamental step toward preparing students to become local and global citizens upon graduation, thus ensuring their ultimate student success; and
- Whereas,** it is the core mission of the Michigan public universities student governments to support initiatives that enhance the power of the students’ voice at a local, regional, and national scale; now therefore be it
- Resolved,** that the Michigan public universities student governments call upon universities to work to establish on-campus polling locations for students who live on and around campus to vote at through a process that is informed by student input; and
- Resolved,** that the Michigan public universities student governments call upon universities to financially support the operation of the on-campus polling locations to ensure that they can remain accessible to the campus community and all voters residing in the precinct they serve in perpetuity; and
- Resolved,** that the Michigan public universities student governments call upon universities to assist in promoting the availability of the on-campus polling locations, and to implement other initiatives that support the effort to ensure that all students who are eligible to do so are registered and frequent voters; and

**Resolved**, that the Michigan public universities student governments call upon universities to further support the effort to ensure that all students who are eligible to do so are registered and frequent voters by establishing election day as a University holiday; and

**Resolved**, that the Michigan public universities student governments call upon local municipalities and the State of Michigan to work with universities to establish on-campus polling locations; and

**Resolved**, that the Michigan public universities student governments will use their voices and budgets to support the successful operation of the on-campus polling locations in perpetuity; and

**Resolved**, that the Michigan public universities student governments call upon local municipalities, universities, and the State of Michigan to establish said on-campus polling locations prior to the March 2020 Primary Election.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED  
with a vote of \_\_ in the affirmative, \_\_ in the negative, and \_\_ abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:	Central Michigan University	Eastern Michigan University
	Lake Superior State University	Grand Valley State University
	Michigan State University	Michigan Technological University
	Northern Michigan University	Oakland University
	Saginaw Valley State University	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
	University of Michigan – Dearborn	University of Michigan – Flint
	Wayne State University	Western Michigan University

ABSENT: Ferris State University

# Resolution 07-02

SPONSORED BY: Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Grand Valley State, Lake Superior State Michigan State, Oakland, Saginaw State, University of Michigan - Dearborn, Wayne State, Western Michigan, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

## A RESOLUTION TO: COLLABORATE ON MENTAL HEALTH POLICIES

**Whereas**, there is a lack of consensus, continuity, and solidarity with mental health services within higher education institutions, and

**Whereas**, in order to best serve students across Michigan, mental health services must be made more transparent and available to students, and

**Whereas**, in order to strive to provide the best resources to our students, widespread access to mental health services must be made in an earnest effort, now be it

**Resolved**, that the higher education institutions move forward to promote an expansion of mental health resources services, and be it

**Resolved**, that each university make an earnest effort to expand mental health resources and to increase transparency and accessibility to resources that may include, but are not limited to: adequate staffing that meets the International Association of Counseling Services Standards, urge counseling services to remove visitation limitations for students, increase the quality and standards of counseling staff, establish a bereavement policy to allow a minimum of a three (3) day excused absence for grieving students, adopt and revise a mental health general education course, administer a yearly online mental health-related survey to all students, eliminate any financial costs for accessing university mental health support services, and to create a unified Mental Health Awareness week that represents all mental health concerns and promotes solidarity among all public universities throughout the state of Michigan.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED

with a vote of \_13\_ in the affirmative, \_0\_ in the negative, and \_0\_ abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:	Central Michigan University	Lake Superior State University
	Grand Valley State University	Michigan State University
	Michigan Technological University	Northern Michigan University
	Oakland University	Saginaw Valley State University

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

University of Michigan – Dearborn

University of Michigan – Flint

Wayne State University

Western Michigan University

ABSENT:

Eastern Michigan University

Ferris State University

# Resolution 07-04

SPONSORED BY: Oakland, Wayne State, Saginaw Valley State, Michigan Technological, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, University of Michigan – Dearborn, Eastern Michigan

**A RESOLUTION TO: REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO IMPLEMENT A MEAL PLAN DOLLAR DONATION PROGRAM TO COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY.**

**Whereas**, the public universities of Michigan recognize that many students suffer from food insecurity; and

**Whereas**, the public universities of Michigan recognize that unspent portions of fixed term meal plans remaining in student accounts do not rollover to the next academic year; and

**Whereas**, the public universities of Michigan understand that the use of the unspent portions of fixed term meal plans by the students aligns with student rights to claim what they have rightfully purchased; now therefore be it

**Resolves**, that the Student Governments across the state of Michigan dedicate efforts to adopt an initiative to put unspent portions of fixed term meal plans onto food vouchers and donate the vouchers to their respective campus food pantries.

Placed on the floor on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is ADOPTED/FAILED  
with a vote of 13 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 1 abstentions.

AFFIRMATIVE:	Lake Superior State University	Grand Valley State University
	Michigan Technological University	Northern Michigan University
	Oakland University	Saginaw Valley State University
	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	University of Michigan – Dearborn
	University of Michigan – Flint	Wayne State University
	Western Michigan University	

NEGATIVE: Michigan State University

ABSENTATIONS: Central Michigan University

ABSENT: Eastern Michigan University Ferris State University