

*A Resolution Supporting the Creation of the Campus-wide Black Council (CBC) and the Funding of Retention and Graduation Promoting Activities for African American Students.*

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**WHEREAS**, the graduation rate for Black students is lower than the general student body at Wayne State University,<sup>1</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, studies show research, volunteering, and mentoring have been proven to increase student success in retention and graduation rates,<sup>2</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the University's mission is to foster student success, this goal must involve student-led contributions as well as administrative efforts to further develop culturally competent support, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, in efforts to meet students where they are at, Black Student organizations are vital in reaching Black students throughout the University, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, by establishing a coalition of Black student organizations, in the form of the Campus-wide Black Council, programs focused on recruitment, retention, and transition can be provided to ensure Black student success is sustained in perpetuity, while uplifting their concerns in collaboration with Student Senate, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Campus-wide Black Council would prepare Black students for post-graduate success through better exposure to campus resources, connections within the Detroit community, and access to a unified safe space, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, funding will be required to produce support and materials not widely available at the University, as outlined in the Campus-wide Black Council framework to support retention, graduation, and post-graduate success, **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Student Senate calls upon the University to allocate a \$5,000 annual budget for the Campus-wide Black Council with oversight from University staff, **AND**

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<sup>1</sup> [Wayne State University Aims To Increase Graduation Rate](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Improving College Graduation Rates: A Closer Look at California State University](#)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne State Student Senate supports the creation of the Campus-wide Black Council, creating research, professional mentoring, and volunteering programming for African American students on campus, **AND**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate calls upon the University to financially support the Campus-wide Black Council's mission in order to help African American students succeed at this University.

**AND FINALLY BE IT ORDERED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this resolution to all relevant outlets, including the University President, the University Provost, the members of the Board of Governors, the President of the Wayne State University Academic Senate, and The South End student newspaper.

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