

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 African American students is lower than for the general student body at Wayne State University,¹ **AND**

WHEREAS, Research, volunteering, and mentoring programs have been proven to increase student success through retention and graduation rates,² **AND**

WHEREAS, the University has provided adequate programs centered around and celebrating research, volunteering, and mentoring in the African American student community, however, student-led contributions are crucial for optimal student success, **AND**

WHEREAS, When provided with student life funding and operational support, African American student organizations are best situated to provide African American students with the necessary programs focused on recruitment, retention, and transition, **AND**

WHEREAS, By establishing and supporting a coalition of African American student organizations, in the form of the Campus-wide Black Council, such programs can be provided to ensure African American student success that can be sustained in perpetuity, and uplift their concerns in collaboration with the Student Senate, **AND**

WHEREAS, the Campus-wide Black Council would prepare African American students for post-graduate success through fostering University partnerships, connections within the Detroit Community, and becoming another avenue of communication to disseminate information regarding campus resources, **AND**

WHEREAS, funding will be required to produce the programming outlined in the Campus-wide Black Council framework to support retention, graduation, and post-graduate success.

¹ [Wayne State University Aims To Increase Graduation Rate](#)

² [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, which would promote and create research, 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 programming 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.

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Stuart Baum
President

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