ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 4-019

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ONSITE ADMISSIONS AND OTHER STRATEGIC ADMISSION POLICIES

WHEREAS, minority student enrollment at the University of Michigan has reached historically low levels this year; black students make up only 3.84% of this year’s freshman class, the same percentage as in 1970; AND

WHEREAS, despite being a public university, the University of Michigan’s in-state student enrollment is at 49.31% and only 16% of students receive Pell Grants; AND

WHEREAS, other peer institutions - both in the state and nationally - have implemented on-site admission policies or other strategic admission policies - such as percentage plans - in reaction to similar statistics and barriers to creating a diverse campus; AND

WHEREAS, President Schlissel recently stated at the Board of Regents’ meeting in October “The University of Michigan could not achieve true excellence without leveraging the experiences and perspectives of the broadest possible diversity at all of our campuses. This remains a top priority for me.”; AND

WHEREAS, In the Winter 2014 semester, Central Student Government declared its support for onsite admissions in Detroit High Schools and other urban centers as a means of increasing minority student enrollment; AND

1 http://michigandaily.com/news/minority-enrollment
3 http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/31/education/college-slots-for-poorer-students-still-limited.html?pagewanted=all
4 http://michigandaily.com/content/site-admissions-process-gains-popularity-nation
5 http://tcf.org/work/education/detail/what-can-we-learn-from-states-that-ban-affirmative-action/
6 http://michigandaily.com/news/diversity-endowment-discussed-regents-meeting
7 https://csg.umich.edu/legislative-branch/assemblies/resolutions,
WHEREAS,  In the March 2014 CSG election campaign, presidential candidates from 3 parties declared their support for an extensive onsite admissions policy in Detroit and other urban centers to increase diversity, reflecting the widespread support of the student body for the policy⁸; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED,  CSG reaffirms our commitment to a diverse, integrated and inclusive campus and calls on the University administration to revitalize onsite admissions in Detroit High Schools and other urban and rural centers throughout the state of Michigan during this admissions cycle; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED,  that this assembly shall elect a select Admissions Task Force of no less than 3 people to work with the admissions office at the University of Michigan on reinstating an on-site admission policy and other strategic admission policies. The charge of this task force will be to investigate Michigan’s lack of an on-site admission policy and purpose other strategic admission policies to increase diversity on Michigan’s campus through working with the Office of Admissions. This information should be presented in a report to the assembly no later than the end of March 2015. AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED,  this resolution will be sent to the Michigan Daily, Ann Arbor News, Detroit News & Free Press, to the Office of Admissions, and the offices of the President, the Provost and to the Board of Regents⁹.

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A.R. 3-040, “A Resolution to Increase Minority Student Enrollment”
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Christian Bashi, LSA                    Laurel Ruza, Public Policy
Speaker of the Assembly                Vice Speaker of the Assembly

President’s Approval

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Presented to the Assembly for First Reads on ___________________________
Presented to the Assembly for Second Reads on ___________________________

Yes: _____  No: _____  Abs: _____  Date: _______________________

Signature Necessary: _____  Signature Received By _________________: _____
AMENDMENT TO A.R. 4-019

Representatives LIN and MODELL propose the following amendment to line 23 of A.R. 4-019

; and be it finally

RESOLVED, The Central Student Government does not encourage, support, or condone any disruptive, violent, intimidating, or similar tactics in advocating the goals of this resolution. This includes, but is not limited to, actions at meetings involving the University of Michigan Board of Regents, university administrators, and university employees.