Resolution 1314-AU-009

A Resolution in Support Ohio HB 111, Granting Voting Privileges to Student Trustee members

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Sponsor: The Executive Committee

WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled in The Ohio State University (established by Article II.1 of the CGS Constitution); and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University serves as the highest level of governance for the University; and

WHEREAS shared governance plays an essential role in the strategic actions aimed at fulfilling the University's purpose and goals; and

WHEREAS the graduate students of The Ohio State University have a vested interest in the future of the institution; and

WHEREAS student members of the Board of Trustees currently serve without voting privileges; and

WHEREAS decisions by the Board of Trustees ultimately affect the future of the institution and directly impact students; and

WHEREAS Ohio House Bill 111 (HB111) has been introduced by primary sponsors Representatives Duffey and Stinziano; and

WHEREAS HB111 would grant voting powers on the Board of Trustees to student members and prohibit student members from being disqualified for receiving financial assistance;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council finds the actions taken within HB111 to be necessary and appropriate for the health of the University; and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council directs the President of CGS to advocate for this position on behalf of the Council to all appropriate members of the Ohio House of Representatives, Senate, the Governor of Ohio, all relevant committees, and any other Statehouse leadership deemed necessary.

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Josh Cdy, President

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