

A Resolution to Advocate for the Expansion of Diversity of Enrollment Tactics For Students at The Ohio State University

Jordan Malpass (for himself, Farhan Quadri, and Savannah Sockwell) introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee, where it passed.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas the University has made great strides to foster an atmosphere of diversity and inclusion on campus, and

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government of The Ohio State University believes that diversity is a cornerstone to our university, and that efforts can continually be augmented and re-evaluated to foster an even better climate on campus for diverse students, and

Whereas the mission of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee within the Undergraduate Student Government is to support, protect, and advocate for the safety and success of all students and to ensure that The Ohio State University promotes these same principles through policy and programming,¹ and

Whereas one vital area of President Michael V. Drake’s 2020 vision is “the recognition of diversity and inclusion as core principles in everything we do, from academic programming and resources to the hiring and promotion of faculty and staff,”² and

Whereas one vital area of President Michael V. Drake’s 2020 vision is, “We must be a leading light along the arc toward greater inclusion and justice,”³ and

Whereas Ohio State’s diversity index is 0.36,⁴ and

Whereas Ohio State releases a demographic report of all students on campus,⁵ and

¹ https://usg.osu.edu/commit/issues_committees/diversity_inclusion

² <https://president.osu.edu/strategicplan/>

³ <https://president.osu.edu/2020-vision/diversity-and-inclusion.html>

⁴ <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities/campus-ethnic-diversity>

⁵ http://oesar.osu.edu/student_enrollment.aspx

37 **Whereas** Ohio State’s undergraduate population is currently composed of 4% Hispanic
38 students, >1% American Indian or Alaska Native students, 7% Asian student, 6% African
39 American students, >1% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander students, 3% of
40 students who identify as two or more races, 68% White students, 8% International
41 Students, 3% of students who identify as unknown,⁶ and

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43 **Whereas** the Ohio State University is a public state school that is composed of a majority
44 of in-state students, and

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46 **Whereas** the United States Census Bureau published a demographic report,⁷ and

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48 **Whereas** on the aggregate, Rutgers University has greater diversity among their
49 undergraduate student population when compared to Ohio State Columbus,⁸ and

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51 **Whereas** Rutgers University as the second highest rate of diversity index in the country,⁹
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54 **Whereas** the University of Maryland’s undergraduate student body is composed of
55 43.3% minority students,¹⁰ and

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57 **Whereas** Stanford University’s undergraduate student population is currently composed
58 of 6% African American students, 21% Asian students, 9% international students, 1%
59 Native American students, >1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students, 16% Other
60 Hispanic students, 36% White students, and >1% of students who identify as Unknown,¹¹
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63 **Whereas** the University of California Davis’ undergraduate student body is currently
64 composed of 4% African American students, 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native
65 students, 35% Asian/Pacific Islander, 21% Hispanic students, 26% White students, and
66 2% of students who identify as Unknown;¹²

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68 **Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government of the Ohio
69 State University calls on the administration to re-evaluate their recruitment efforts, and

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⁶ http://oesar.osu.edu/pdf/student_enrollment/15th/enrollment/15THDAY_AUTUMN_2017.pdf, p. 26

⁷ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/OH>

⁸ <https://newbrunswick.rutgers.edu/about/facts-figures>

⁹ <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities/campus-ethnic-diversity>

¹⁰ https://irpa.umd.edu/CampusCounts/Enrollments/stuprofile_allug.pdf

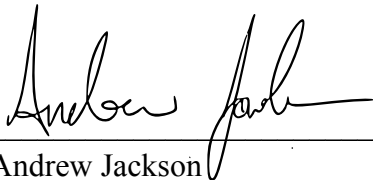
¹¹ <https://diversityandaccess.stanford.edu/diversity/diversity-facts>

¹² <https://www.ucdavis.edu/sites/default/files/upload/files/uc-davis-student-profile.pdf>

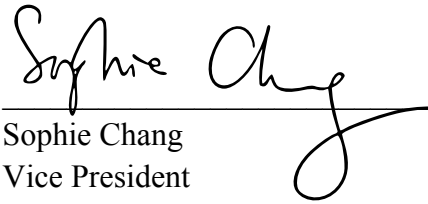
71 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government of the Ohio
72 State University calls on the administration to allocate any resources that are deemed
73 necessary to resolve this issue going forward, and
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75 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that Undergraduate Student Government of the Ohio State
76 University vows to work with the administration to find solutions to our low diversity on
77 campus.
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80 Floor Vote: Passed with unanimous consent
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88 Andrew Jackson
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88 Sophie Chang
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93 Date Adopted: March 7, 2018

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