

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 71-03

The Student Senate
71st Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Gregory Cross, Vice-President, Legislative Relations
Eric Mendoza, Legislative Affairs Chair, Off-Campus Caucus

Sponsored By: Jett Black, Legislative Affairs, On-Campus Caucus

Action Taken _____

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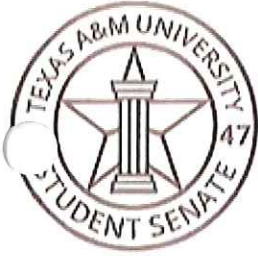
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Mitch Parker
Speaker of the Senate

Formula Funding Resolution

"A resolution opposing all Formula Funding cuts"

- Whereas(1):** Formula Funding is the template for the distribution of monies per school from the State of Texas general fund for Higher Education Instruction Financial Aid and Research and,
- Whereas(2):** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is responsible for coordinating the funding of the Texas higher education system:
- i. Their recommendation for higher education funding for the 2018-2019 biennium is that Texas legislators "return formula funding rates to the rates appropriated for the 2010-11 biennium by phasing in increases over the next three biennial, and increase the rates by 2.3 percent for inflation." (THECB (2016). Formula funding recommendations for the 2018-19 biennium. Austin, TX.)
- Whereas(3):** Enrollment at Texas A&M University continually increases with every passing academic year. However, as the Legislative Budget Board notes, that funding for the total Higher Education Fund is marginally higher than that of the 2006-2007 funding amount.



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Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): First, that the student body and its student leaders take an informed, unified stance against all funding cuts to higher education. Understanding, that even seemingly marginal cuts have a large, direct impact on higher education, especially that of Texas A&M University ; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): Second, that all invested parties in the prosperity of Texas A&M University be informed of the stance of this student body on formula funding. Moreover, that state and local leaders are also informed of the position of its Texas A&M constituents; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3):

The Legislative Relations Commission shall be dispatched as the authorized authority in advocating for this resolution.

Let it be

Further

Resolved (4): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

John Sharp '72, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System

Michael Young, President of the Texas A&M University

Charles Schwertner, Texas State Senator for District 5

J.M. Lozano, Texas House Member for District 43

Kirk Watson, Texas State Senator for District 14

Charles Perry, Texas State Senator for District 28

John Raney, Texas House Member for District 14

Michael O'Quinn, Vice President for Government Relations

Paul Bettencourt, Texas Senator for District 7

Raymund A. Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education