Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
73rd Session

Appropriated Funding Bill

"A bill opposing all Appropriated Funding cuts"

Action Taken: PASSED

Certified By:

Date Passed: November 18, 2020

Duly Approved:

Introduced By: Cedrick Mattli, Vice President, Legislative Relations Commission
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Whereas(1): The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is responsible for coordinating the funding of the Texas higher education system; and,

Whereas(2): In 2014, Texas A&M University experienced a 5% budget cut, in total around $84.6 million, which resulted in a reduction in 72 faculty positions, a loss of 372 class sections, and $7 million in reduced research productivity, while Texas A&M
University enrollment continually increases with every passing academic year.¹

Whereas(3): The financial impact of COVID-19 on Texas A&M University has been far reaching, and necessitates consistent and reliable funding for Texas A&M University to fulfill its mission of serving its students and the State of Texas.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): The student body and the student leaders of Texas A&M University 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
Enacted(2): That all parties invested in the prosperity of Texas A&M University be informed of the stance of this student body on State Funding. Moreover, that state and local leaders are also informed of the position of its Texas A&M University Constituents; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(3): The Texas State legislature provide Texas A&M University with robust State Funding at the highest levels while minimizing overall cuts to Higher Education in order to address our growing enrollment and expansion as a university; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(4): The legislative ideals within this document be regarded as the will of the Texas A&M Student Body as well as the Texas A&M Student Government Association; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(5): The Legislative Relations Commission of the Texas A&M Student Government Association is tasked and given authority in advocating for this bill and the ideals

¹ Texas A&M University 2019-2020 Legislative Appropriations Report, Office of Government Relations
outlined within it on behalf of the Texas A&M Student Body; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(6): That a copy of this bill be sent to:

*John Sharp '72, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System*
*Michael Young, President of the Texas A&M University*
*Michael G. O’Quinn, Vice President for Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives*
*Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs*
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