

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
THE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH STUDENT SENATE
FALL TERM TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY**

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-107-01 **AUTHORED BY** Vice-President Ray
SUPPORTED BY Senator Stevens, Senator Fox, Senator
McCargar, Senator Bly, Senator Tyus

A RESOLUTION TO: AMEND THE 2020-2021 STUDENT GOVERNMENT BUDGET TO ALLOCATE \$20,000 OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO THE EMU STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND, AND ALLOCATE UP TO \$20,000 FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL RESERVES TO THE EMU STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND TO MATCH DONATIONS MADE BY THIRD PARTIES TO THE EMU STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020.

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, expanding direct, material support for students in financial need who are facing food or housing insecurity is a top priority for students,

WHEREAS, the EMU Student Emergency Fund created by the Provost's office helps meet this objective by making funds available to students for one-time emergency financial relief that does not need to be repaid,

WHEREAS, the Student Emergency Fund has been utilized much more frequently in the past several months compared to this time last year, costing roughly \$20,000 to \$25,000 per month,

WHEREAS, Student Government is coordinating with EMU Foundation Director of Donor Relations Matt Mortier and Assistant Director of Development for Campaign Initiatives Celia Murkowski on a social media crowdfunding campaign for GivingTRU Day (which is December 1st, 2020), to support the EMU Student Emergency Expendable Fund,

WHEREAS, encouraging broad-based support for this project by soliciting donation from students has the combined effect of raising awareness about the Student Emergency Fund and cultivating a culture of solidarity among students, and presents an opportunity for student donors to be rewarded for their support by receiving EMU Foundation giveaways,

WHEREAS, the EMU Student Government budget, while having decreased from last year, is not likely to be drawn from as much as it has been in years past,

WHEREAS, the 107th Student Senate urges that the Student Emergency Fund be expanded to allow students to access the fund twice while attending EMU, and so the funds will be easier to access for students in need,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government allocates \$20,000 to the EMU Student Emergency Fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following sections of the 2020-2021 Student Government budget are reduced to offset the \$20,000 appropriation to the Student Emergency Fund:

1. Allocations: \$4,300
2. Departmental, Office, and Program Grants: \$600
3. Student Government Events (Non-Committee): \$600
4. Student Government Services: \$10,000
5. Internal Operations: \$350
6. Committee Budgets: \$300
7. Marketing: \$350
8. President's Discretionary: \$3,500

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Student Government will appropriate up to an additional \$20,000 from the the Student Government Financial Reserves to the EMU Student Emergency Fund to match donations made by other parties to the Student Emergency Fund during the month of December 2020.

INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE: (Date)

COMMITTEE VOTE: (Pass/Fail/Bypass)

AYES ____

NAYS ____

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: (Date)

SENATE VOTE: (Pass/Fail)

AYES ____

NAYS ____

ABSTAIN ____

AUTHORIZE____ **VETO**____

CLERK OF THE SENATE

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT