

Resolution in Support of Adopting the MOE Bill

Passed on November 17, 2017

Plenary

WHEREAS, the Doctoral Students' Council (DSC) comprises representatives from doctoral and master's programs at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY); and

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

WHEREAS, the DSC advocates for over 3,500 students at the Graduate Center in their roles as students, teachers, workers, family members, New Yorkers, activists, and academics; and

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

WHEREAS, the DSC shares CUNY's historic mission of providing access to higher education to low-income communities and communities of color in New York City and across the nation; and

Health & Wellness

Outreach

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 12, 2017, City University of New York, University Student Senate ([CUNY, USS](#)), the duly elected student government representing the interests of 500,000 CUNY students adopted the [CUNY State Budget Allocation FY2018 Resolution](#), which called on the New York State (NYS) Legislature to adopt bill A00934 (Assembly)/S1596 (Senate), hereinafter Maintenance Of Effort (MOE); and

Student Services

USS Advisory Committee

Advocate Advisory Board

OpenCUNY Board

WHEREAS, the enhanced MOE bill would provide CUNY the necessary state funding each fiscal year to cover mandatory costs such as, but not limited to, collective bargaining, salary increments, fringe benefits and other non-personal service costs such as utility costs, building rentals and other inflationary expenses, which would prevent the necessity for tuition increases and budget gaps; and

Governance Task Force

WHEREAS, the enhanced MOE bill was amended in both houses, [A00934A](#) (Assembly)/[S1596A](#) (Senate) and on June 20, 2017, the NYS Assembly adopted bill A00934A with [143](#) of the 150 members voting in favor and the NYS Senate adopted bill S1596A with all [63](#) members voting in favor; and

WHEREAS, as of October 23, 2017, neither the CUNY Administration nor Board of Trustees has released a statement or adopted a resolution expressing support of the enhanced MOE bill and New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has not signed the enhanced MOE bill into law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, as members of the DSC, the duly elected student government of the Graduate Center CUNY, endorse USS Resolution 1718-P04, which calls on NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to sign the enhanced MOE bill into law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call on President Chase Robinson of the Graduate Center CUNY to issue a statement requesting NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo sign the enhanced MOE bill into law to expand access and improve the quality of higher education for all New Yorkers; and be it still further

RESOLVED, that in the event the MOE bill is vetoed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, we call on the NYS Legislature to enact the enhanced MOE bill into law in accordance with Article IV, Section 7 of the [New York State Constitution](#) (Reconsideration after veto); and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the DSC calls on Governor Cuomo and the NYS legislature to lead the nation in higher education by re-investing in CUNY's infrastructure and workforce - especially for those among the lowest paid workers, such as adjuncts, graduate student employees, and college assistants - so that students are guaranteed a free and high quality education.