

Motion to Enhance Student Diversity

Faculty Senate of James Madison University

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WHEREAS the James Madison University community has made diversity and inclusivity among its most important values, and

WHEREAS the JMU Faculty Senate wishes to encourage the university to further support qualified marginalized and underrepresented communities among the student body, and

WHEREAS need-based scholarships can be pivotal to encourage underrepresented students' applications for admission and their successful completion of degree programs at JMU, thus enhancing the diversity of the student body;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends JMU senior administrators to allocate more resources towards needs-based scholarships, as indicated in the following statement:

James Madison University is a community dedicated to diversity and inclusivity. We, the Faculty Senate, believe that needs-based scholarships are critically important for many prospective students in underrepresented groups. Therefore, in order to enhance the diversity of the student body, we encourage the administration to commit more resources towards needs-based scholarships.