

LOCAL RESOLUTION 22

**A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ENDORSE LEGISLATIVE ACTION GRANTING THE STUDENT BODY
PRESIDENT OF THE NC SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS A SEAT ON
THAT INSTITUTION’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Short Title: NCSSM SBP Trustee Act (Public)

Sponsored by: President NESS (corresponding), Delegates K. KIMBALL, PARSONS and
SHORT

Signatories: Association President DOUCETTE

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Referred to: Committee on Government Operations & Community Services.

Section 1. The General Assembly of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) was founded in 1980 as a public, residential high school where students study a specialized curriculum emphasizing science and mathematics; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2006, upon the N.C. General Assembly’s adoption of Senate Bill 1741 (“Modify Appropriations Act of 2005”), NCSSM was rechartered as a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, while NCSSM is now a constituent institution of the University, its Board of Trustees is governed under a separate section of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS §116-233), instead of the section governing the composition of all other UNC institution Boards of Trustees (NCGS §116-31); and,

WHEREAS, unlike all 16 other UNC institutions, including fellow high school students at the UNC School of the Arts, the students at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics are not represented by a voting member on their institution’s Board of Trustees pursuant to NCGS §116-233; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deals with policies and procedures that greatly influence the educational and social character of the school, and are therefore of great interest to the Student Body; and,

WHEREAS, a student representative on the Board of Trustees provides valuable input on policies and procedures under consideration by the Board that it does not currently receive; and,

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30 **WHEREAS,** more significantly, a voting student representative on the Board of Trustees is
31 vital to representing student interests and also helps prepare the students of
32 NCSSM for their future collegiate studies; and,

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34 **WHEREAS,** the Student Government of NCSSM has adopted a resolution instructing its
35 Executive Officers to pursue the same representation guaranteed to all other UNC
36 students under NCGS §116-31(d)(3); and,

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38 **WHEREAS,** the UNC Association of Student Governments, as the collective student voice of
39 the Student Body of the University of North Carolina, is committed to supporting
40 the Student Government of NCSSM and the students it represents; now, therefore,
41 be it

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43 **RESOLVED,** that the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments
44 formally endorses and supports the recommendation of the Student Government
45 of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics calling for its Student
46 Body President to hold *ex officio* membership on the Board of Trustees of that
47 institution; and be it further

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49 **RESOLVED,** that the Association's Division of Legislative & Public Affairs and its Advocacy
50 Corps will coordinate with the NCSSM Student Government to pursue legislative
51 action guaranteeing the students of NCSSM the same representation provided to
52 all other UNC institutions under NCGS §116-31(d)(3).
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54 **Section 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its enrollment.