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An Act on the Condition of the History MA Program

- Whereas, Eastern Kentucky University has offered a Master's Degree program in History (HIS) for incoming graduate students until the Fall 2023 semester; and,
- Whereas, Eastern Kentucky University's History MA program currently houses enough full-time and part-time students to produce a credit hour total equivalent to the worth of twelve full-time students; and,
- Whereas, Eastern Kentucky University's History MA program has a higher rate of graduation amongst in-state rival programs; and,
- Whereas, Eastern Kentucky University's History Department is comprised of a commendable, widely published, highly educated, and award-winning teaching faculty; and,
- Whereas, It was discovered that Eastern Kentucky University would no longer admit students to the Master's Degree program in History following the Fall 2023 semester; and,
- Whereas, This decision obviously refuses the opportunity to students wishing to seek a Master's of Arts in History and threatens the safe completion of the program for those students already admitted; and,
- Whereas, The importance of this program cannot be overstated as a History MA is incredibly beneficial, if not crucial, to any career path where historical thinking is involved; and,
- Whereas, An effort to save the History MA is an effort to save the career path of its potential and current students, as well as an effort to defend the academic study of history; and,
- Whereas, Eastern Kentucky University's Student Government Association is intended to support the student body's voice and academic interests of students in all available academic disciplines offered by EKU; and,
- Enacted, Eastern Kentucky University's Student Government Association should continue to support the student body's voice and academic interests of students in all available academic disciplines offered by EKU; and,
- Enacted, Eastern Kentucky University's Student Government Association should publish a public statement posted virtually to all Student Government Association social media outlets in condemnation of the University's decision to abolish the History MA program and in support of the continuation of the History MA program.

☒ Passed ☐ Vetoed ☐ Passed without Endorsement

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