

# VSCA 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Convention – March 22-24, 2019

## Resolutions

### Resolution 1 – Voting Reform and Expansion of Opportunities

**WHEREAS** the Commonwealth only offers voter registration through online, mail or in-person, and  
**WHEREAS** the Commonwealth does not offer voter registration after the deadline or on the day of an election, and

**WHEREAS** the number of voting precincts and alternate opportunities to vote prior to election day are limited, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Virginia Student Councils Association encourages the Virginia General Assembly to introduce automatic voter registration when receiving or renewing a driving license, to institute same-day voting registration, to expand early voting opportunities and adopt no-excuse ballots and in-person early voting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Virginia Student Councils Association requests from the Virginia General Assembly an update to the relevant legislation once it has been considered and introduced.

### Resolution 2 – Virginia Public College Tuition Caps and State Budget Allocation Reform

**WHEREAS** college has become a near necessity to be successful in the modern post-industrial American economy, and

**WHEREAS** Virginia has a long history of higher education, being home to the second oldest college in America and two ‘public Ivy Schools’, and

**WHEREAS** the costs of college have risen faster than inflation and wages causing college graduates to spend several years in tens of thousands of dollars in debt, and

**WHEREAS** the average increase for in-state tuition has been \$10,000 over the past 20 years, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Virginia Student Councils Association encourages the Virginia General Assembly to institute a cap of \$30,000 a year for tuition for all public colleges, to rescind funding of any institution that fails to obey these caps and instead use the prior year’s funding amount, and to codify this cap for at least 10 years at which point the General Assembly may reassess the cap based on tuition at that time.

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### Resolution 3 – Virginia’s Green Future and Fossil Fuel Waning Act

**WHEREAS** the federal government has issued numerous reports along with the United Nations recognizing the immediate need for comprehensive sustainable energy reform, and

**WHEREAS** the Commonwealth hosts diverse wildlife and from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Eastern Shore, both of which are in need of protection, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Virginia Student Councils Association encourages the Virginia General Assembly to sign on to the Paris Climate Agreement, to provide tax breaks and subsidies to business and residents who install solar panels on their property, to allow the installment of wind turbines on the eastern coast of the Eastern Shore, to explore the possibility of constructing a nuclear power plant in Dhalgren to provide clean energy for Virginia, and to continue and expand protections of wildlife preserves, on land and water.

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