A Resolution Recommending that the RHA Executive Board Limit HOTS Points Awarded for OTM Submissions

17-18-4

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the representative body for all on-campus students, and

WHEREAS the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is the sister organization of the RHA, and

WHEREAS one of the pillars of NRHH is the recognition of on-campus leadership, and

WHEREAS Of the Month (OTM) submissions may be used as a method to recognize faculty/staff, students, RHA members, programs, etc. at the University of Maryland for their on-campus leadership, and

WHEREAS the Hall of the Semester (HOTS) competition encourages active participation of hall and area councils through the awarding of points, and

WHEREAS councils currently receive four HOTS points per OTM submitted, and

WHEREAS the practice of earning unlimited HOTS points for OTM submissions creates an incentive to submit an excessive number of OTMs, and

WHEREAS it is in the spirit of RHA and NRHH to ensure that OTM submissions reflect a genuine intent to recognize on-campus leadership, and

WHEREAS certain caps to HOTS points exist, such as a limit of 25 HOTS points per council per semester for Executive Board office hour visits,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA Senate urges the Executive Board to consider a limitation on the number of HOTS points earned by means of OTM submission to a maximum of 12 points per council per month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in keeping with the RHA and NRHH shared goal to recognize campus leaders, HOTS points awarded for campus, regional, and national winning OTM submissions remain unlimited, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the RHA Executive Board work in conjunction with the NRHH Executive Board to find alternative methods to address the HOTS/OTM relationship.

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