A Resolution Urging the Department of Resident Life to Inquire into Adding Senators-At-Large and All Executive Board Members as Housing Exceptions

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students, and
WHEREAS the Department of Resident Life (DRL), as a result of the Strategic Housing Plan, is now giving overwhelming on-campus housing priority to freshmen and sophomores, and
WHEREAS all members of the RHA must live on-campus to fulfill positions within the organization, and
WHEREAS DRL can ensure on-campus housing to certain students via a list of exemptions, including executive officers of the RHA, and has done so in past years when housing shortages arose, and
WHEREAS DRL currently exempts third and fourth year executive officers, and
WHEREAS DRL has never turned away an eligible sophomore or freshman for on-campus living in the past, but housing shortages may begin to affect this status quo, and
WHEREAS in accordance with the RHA’s bylaws and constitution, the President and Vice President select Executive Board officers and the Vice President appoints four Senators-At-Large [SAL(s)] each year, and
WHEREAS both Executive Board officers and SALs hold valuable leadership positions within the RHA and offer support to the on-campus community, and
WHEREAS in the case that sophomores would have to participate in the lottery, the President and Vice President should be empowered to appoint a new Executive Board officer or SAL irrespective of their potential on-campus housing status,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA urges DRL to extend the exemption to all Executive Board members and add SALs to its list of housing exemptions, and
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the RHA encourages DRL to implement these exemptions immediately, to go into effect Fall 2015.

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