A Resolution Regarding Surveillance Cameras in Residence Halls and Service Desks
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WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students, and

WHEREAS RHA has priority influence on issues pertaining to the Departments of Resident Life and Residential Facilities, and

WHEREAS statistics obtained from the University of Maryland Police Department show that there have been 307 thefts in the College Park area since January 2015, and

WHEREAS of the 307 thefts, over 40% of these thefts have occurred in residence halls, primarily in North Campus, and

WHEREAS there have been four voyeur incidents in residence halls in the Fall 2015 semester, and

WHEREAS the safety and security of on-campus residents should be one of the largest responsibilities of the University of Maryland, and

WHEREAS RHA should begin finding ways to prevent crimes that occur in the residence halls, such as thefts and voyeur incidents,

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB) and the Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLATe) continue researching the costs and challenges of installing and implementing surveillance cameras in all residence halls and service desks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those committees will investigate as to who would review the footage from these cameras and the frequency at which they are monitored, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committees will present findings from their investigations to the RHA Senate, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the RHA will support the implementation of a pilot program in residence halls and service desks, preferably prioritizing those with the highest rate of crime.

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Sources: http://www.umd.edu/stats/