A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Bylaws Concerning the Elections Procedures and Executive Board Transitions

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

WHEREAS the RHA operates according to the Constitution, Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedure, and

WHEREAS Article IX Section 2 of the Constitution states, “Amendments to the RHA Bylaws may be presented in resolution form to the Senate and must be approved by a three-fourths majority of all voting members,” and

WHEREAS Article VII of the Bylaws is concerned with the election of President and Vice-President and the appointment of the Executive Board, and

WHEREAS Article VII Section 1.3 reads “[T]he election chairperson shall not be eligible to seek a position on the executive board for that election cycle,” and

WHEREAS the election chairperson is also not allowed to seek a Senator-At-Large position, and

WHEREAS Article VII Section 7.1.A reads “Individuals interested in these positions shall formally establish their candidacies by announcing their interest by the Senate meeting prior to elections,” and

WHEREAS members of the Executive Board and the Constitutional Review committee have agreed that there are several problems with this method, as well as it having not been enacted in recent elections, and

WHEREAS Article I Section 12.4 reads “Outgoing executive board members shall prepare binders for their successors which shall contain the following information,” and

WHEREAS in the interest of efficiency, convenience, and sustainability, the Executive Board has expressed sentiment to remove the word “binders,”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article VII Section 1.3 read “the election chairperson shall not be eligible to seek a position on the executive board or Senator-At-Large position for that election cycle,” and
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article VII Section 7.1.A read
“Individuals interested in these positions shall formally establish their candidacies by applying
for the position(s) by the deadline specified by the elections chairperson,” and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Article I Section 12.4 read “Outgoing
executive board members shall prepare materials for their successors which shall contain the
following information:”

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