A Resolution Creating the Orientation Advisory Committee (OAC) for the Spring 2016 Semester

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

WHEREAS 4,663 of the approximate 12,500 students (37.3%) living on campus are first year students, who are required to attend New Student Orientation, and

WHEREAS New Student Orientation acclimates new students to living on campus, such as including time for the Department of Resident Life (DRL) and Department of Dining Services to introduce themselves and their services to new students, and

WHEREAS RHA passed Resolution SSC001F 2015 in the Fall 2015 semester, urging the implementation of mandatory in-person sexual assault prevention training during orientation and UNIV100 classes, and

WHEREAS the New Student Orientation and UNIV100 classes are under the purview of the Orientation Office, and

WHEREAS Dr. Gerry Stumpf, Director of the Orientation Office, supports the formation of an orientation advisory committee and has agreed to attend some committee meetings or send an Orientation Office representative to meetings that she cannot herself attend,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA Senate approve the creation of an ad hoc Orientation Advisory Committee (OAC) for the Spring 2016 semester, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee will be tasked with advising the Orientation Office with the structure and content of New Student Orientation as well as UNIV100 classes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee will discuss the possible inclusion of in-person sexual assault prevention, diversity, on-campus safety, and sustainability programs during New Student Orientation and UNIV100 classes, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this committee present an overview of its discussions at each RHA Senate meeting.

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