A Resolution Approving the Budget Proposed for the 2013 Fiscal Year by the
Departments of Residential Facilities and Resident Life

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) has jurisdiction over all on-campus
issues, including those pertaining to the Departments of Resident Life and Residential
Facilities, and

WHEREAS the RHA has priority influence in regards to issues within the University of
Maryland, College Park Department of Resident Life (DRL) through the Residence Life
Advisory Team (ReLATe) and the Department of Residential Facilities through the
Residential Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB), and

WHEREAS ReLATe and ReFAB are devoted to exploring issues relating to resident
students, including fees associated with residing on campus, and

WHEREAS ReLATe and ReFAB must submit recommendations to the RHA Senate
regarding student fees proposed by the Departments of Residential Facilities and
Resident Life for approval and adoption, and

WHEREAS DRL and the Department of Residential Facilities are proposing a 2.16%
increase in room fees for every student living in a traditional residence hall or suite and a
2.17% increase in room fees for every student living in an apartment amounting to a $125
increase and $131 increase, respectively, for those students, and

WHEREAS the student fee increases proposed by DRL and the Department of
Residential Facilities will cover mandates by the State and University, reflect the market
reality for the price of utilities, and take into account net increases in employee fringe
benefits and insurance, and

WHEREAS the Directors of DRL and the Department of Residential Facilities, Deborah
Grandner and Jon Dooley, respectively, presented a budget outline to the RHA Senate
and later met with Senators in a joint committee meeting, and

WHEREAS the proposed budget has been updated since that time amounting to a net
decrease of $666,620, from $1,709,815 to $1,043,195 and that no budgetary items have
increased and all decreases are accounted for, and

WHEREAS ReLATe and ReFAB have both voted unanimously in support of passage of
the proposed budget by the RHA Senate,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA Senate vote, as per the
recommendations of ReLATe and ReFAB, in support of the budget proposed by DRL
and the Department of Residential Facilities.
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