A Resolution Creating an Ad-Hoc Constitution Committee

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

WHEREAS the RHA Constitution (Constitution) has not been updated since February of 2009, and

WHEREAS many senators have suggestions for how the Constitution or Standard Meeting Procedure (SMP) might be updated, and

WHEREAS there is support for discussion of these suggestions in an ad-hoc committee setting, and

WHEREAS the Constitution specifies in Article VI, Section 7, Clause 1 that an ad-hoc committee may be created through resolution on an as-needed basis, and

WHEREAS the Constitution specifies the process of establishing SMP in Article III, Section 6,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA Senate (Senate) approve the creation of an ad-hoc committee with the purposes of reviewing, updating, and discussing potential amendments to the Constitution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ad-hoc committee shall be known as the Constitutional Review Committee (ReCon), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ReCon shall also be tasked with promoting consciousness of the Constitution in order to ensure current and future members understand its provisions as well as its aim, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two goals of ReCon will therefore be (1) to encourage a better understanding of the Constitution and (2) to offer recommendations for how it may be improved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for so long as ReCon exists, any proposals for amendments to the Constitution offered to the Senate must have unanimous support from ReCon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no updates to the Constitution shall be implemented without the consent of the Senate through the passing of a resolution authored by the committee and approved by the RHA Vice-President (VP), and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article I of the Constitution shall be subject to no
changes of any sort by an act of ReCon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ReCon may also propose suggestions to the future
members on the Executive Board on how to improve SMP, bearing in mind they have no
obligation to include them in the following year's SMP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these suggestions must also have unanimous
support within ReCon, but they do not constitutionally necessitate a resolution and may
not take effect until the next SMP is approved during the first meeting of the Senate of
the fall semester, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of ReCon shall include an RHA
Advisor, at least two Executive Board members, and volunteers from the Senate or
Hall/Area Councils, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the VP will be responsible for overseeing the
logistical efforts of ReCon, which would include informing RHA members of its
existence, compiling the membership list, choosing how the chair should be decided, and
creating a preliminary meeting schedule, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ReCon will serve as an ad-hoc committee for a
period of time beginning with the first meeting scheduled by the VP and ending with the
term of the current administration or any time prior at its own discretion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ReCon will never become a standing RHA
committee, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that ReCon may be restored as an ad-hoc committee at
any future time should the Senate pass a resolution recalling this resolution by name.

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