A Resolution Regarding Town Hall Meetings on the Implementation of the University System of Maryland System-Wide Smoking Ban

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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 resident life, and

WHEREAS during the summer of 2012, the University System of Maryland (USM) voted to ban smoking system-wide effective July, 2013, and

WHEREAS USM left implementation of this policy to each individual system school, and

WHEREAS the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) currently prohibits smoking within 25 feet of all buildings, and

WHEREAS the Campus Affairs Committee of the University Senate has been tasked with discussing and ultimately recommending how UMD should implement the USM smoking ban, and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that hall/area councils hold town hall meetings for the purpose of gathering constituent feedback on how UMD should implement the system-wide smoking ban, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that data and minutes from these events be collected by the RHA Executive Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an ad hoc committee be created to discuss the input received at these town hall meetings, and ultimately report on the findings and present a resolution regarding implementation of the ban to the Senate should the committee deem it appropriate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ad hoc committee, to be referred to as the RHA Committee on the USM Smoking Ban (SBC), shall be comprised of any interested RHA member, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the vice president shall be responsible for overseeing the logistical efforts of SBC.

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