A Resolution Regarding the Implementation of the New Residence Hall Rules Structure

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students, 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 Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLATe), and

WHEREAS the RHA Senate urged DRL to move forward with its proposed changes to the Residence Hall Rules (Rules) through passage of Resolution MJL005 2012, and

WHEREAS students are given the "Rights and Responsibilities" (R&R) handbook as well as the Academic Success Calendar upon arrival to their residence halls, and

WHEREAS Steve Petkas, the DRL Associate Director for Student and Staff Development (SSD), has his contact information currently only listed under the section of the R&R handbook titled "Noncompliance and Staff Entry Into Student Rooms," and

WHEREAS students are currently not required to indicate that they have read the R&R handbook, and

WHEREAS ReLATe has also been tasked via the aforementioned resolution to ensure the proper transition to the new Rules structure both this year and next year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that RHA asks that the DRL Associate Director for SSD have his/her contact information displayed clearly on the inner front cover of the R&R handbook so that students may be able to contact him/her for any R&R concern, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RHA asks for the Rules to be moved to an earlier section in the R&R handbook so they align better with the Community Living Principles and so that students do not have to read through other minor policies before getting to the Rules section, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RHA urges DRL to look into the inclusion of a statement along the lines of, "I have read and understand the materials in the Rights and Responsibilities handbook," for students to check and sign along with the Community Living Agreement, and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that RHA recommends that DRL consider combining the R&R handbook and the Academic Success Calendar.

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