A Resolution Creating an Annual Budget for the Residence Hall Association Sustainability Committee of Maryland

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

WHEREAS the RHA’s newest standing committee, the Sustainability Committee of Maryland (SCOM), exists in part to promote and encourage sustainable-minded acts, and

WHEREAS SCOM has found that past events such as Ban the Bottle and involvement in competitions such as RecyleMania and Campus Conservation Nationals (CCN) have proven effective in increasing sustainability awareness on campus, and

WHEREAS SCOM’s funding for programming came from Hall/Area Council donations, and

WHEREAS time spent requesting funds from individual councils has decreased SCOM’s efficiency in planning and enacting programming for residents, and

WHEREAS thus far, SCOM has spent $515.79 of the $600 it received through donations from Hall/Area Councils, and

WHEREAS SCOM has demonstrated resourcefulness in seeking further in-kind donations from on-campus departments such as Non-Print Media Services and community partners such as College Park Bicycles, and

WHEREAS SCOM hopes to raise its sights for future years with more extensive programming and outreach in hopes of promoting sustainability and educating residents, and

WHEREAS Article IX, Section 1 of the RHA Constitution states that the RHA budget shall be funded by the Department of Resident Life, and

WHEREAS the $4.17 set aside per bed as a part of the room fee to live on campus is the source of funding for the entirety of RHA, and

WHEREAS the Executive Board receives $8,500 and the remainder of the room fee is divided amongst each council on a per-bed basis for Hall/Area Council budgets, and

WHEREAS it has been determined by the members of SCOM that a budget of $1,000 would prove sufficient to realize its goals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that starting with the 2012-2013 academic year, SCOM will be allotted an annual budget of $1,000 funded by the Department of Resident Life for sustainable programming and outreach to University of Maryland residents, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a member of SCOM will be appointed Finance Officer by the Chair at the beginning of the year when the Vice-Chair is appointed, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCOM Finance Officer be required to meet with the Executive Board Finance Officer, and
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this amount will be set aside annually before the remainder of the RHA funding is distributed to Hall/Area Councils.

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