A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Full Standing Sustainability Committee

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

WHEREAS the RHA has priority influence over issues pertaining to on-campus students, and

WHEREAS increasing sustainability and conservation on campus have quickly become fundamental initiatives of the University of Maryland (UMD), and

WHEREAS UMD placed first in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in the national university recycling competition, Recyclemania, this past academic year, and

WHEREAS the RHA Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee played a significant role in advertising for Recyclemania, in addition to fulfilling its main objectives of discussing pertinent sustainability issues and advocating for sustainable alternatives in all aspects of on-campus living, and

WHEREAS Article VI, Section 7 in the RHA Constitution states that Ad-hoc committees in existence for longer than one academic year may be considered eligible for standing committee status, and

WHEREAS the current Sustainability Ad-hoc committee has successfully been in existence for the past two academic years, and

WHEREAS the issues surrounding sustainability and conservation will continue to be central focuses of the UMD community throughout the upcoming years, and

WHEREAS a two-thirds approval in the Senate is required for an Ad-hoc committee to become a Standing committee,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA endorse the conversion of the Ad-hoc Sustainability Committee into a Standing Committee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainability Committee be comprised of Senators and the Vice Presidents of Sustainability from every hall/area council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two co-advisors for this committee will be Cindy Felice and Erin Schlegel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the roles of committee members and the responsibilities of the committee follow the same provisions established for the current standing committees as outlined in Article VI, Sections 1-6, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainability Committee will join with the other RHA standing committees—Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLATe), Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Resident Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB), and Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB), and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Senate evaluate and assess the success of this resolution in the spring semester of 2012.

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