Residence Hall Association

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**A Resolution to Approve the Standard Operating Procedures for the 2019-2020 Academic Year**

**WHEREAS** the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students at the University of Maryland, and

**WHEREAS** RHA is guided by its governing documents, and

**WHEREAS** the RHA Standard Operating Procedures state in Part II, Section 1, Clause 3 that “[t]he Vice President must submit [proposed amendments to Clause 1, regarding minimum standards of attendance] for approval by two-thirds of the Senate at the first meeting of the fall semester,” and

**WHEREAS** the RHA Bylaws state in Article II, Section 2, Clause 4 that “[a]ny proposed changes to the Standard Debate Protocol by the executive board must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Senate during the first meeting of the fall semester,” and

**WHEREAS** a notated copy of the new RHA Standard Operating Procedures with all proposed changes is available at https://ter.ps/SOPs, and

**WHEREAS** the proposed changes include adding a secondary speaker’s list, replacing pro/con debate with extended free debate, allowing for closure of senate meetings, updating the criteria for approval of resolutions, updating language to reflect new executive board positions, and minor grammatical changes and renumbering,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the RHA Senate approve the proposed Standard Operating Procedures and that the changes be implemented immediately.

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