

A Resolution to Approve the Standard Operating Procedures for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

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

WHEREAS Article IV, Section 5, Clause 1 of the RHA Constitution states that “the operating procedure for Senate meetings shall be outlined in the RHA Standard Operating Procedures,” and

WHEREAS the RHA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) state in Part II, Section 2, Clause 4 that “any proposed changes to the Standard Debate Protocol by the vice president must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Senate during the first meeting of the fall semester,” and

WHEREAS the first meeting of the fall semester was used to elect a new vice president and thus the SOPs approval was delayed by one meeting, and

WHEREAS the RHA Senate hopes to return to full in-person activities, but acknowledges the possibility of a return to an online environment, creating the need to include Standard Debate Protocol for both possibilities, and

WHEREAS additional proposed changes aim to better clarify procedures and reduce wasted time where possible, and

WHEREAS a copy of the proposed changes can be found online at ter.ps/SOPs2021 and a copy of the final document can be found online at ter.ps/SOPs2021F,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA Senate approve the proposed Standard Operating Procedures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vice president for the 2022-2023 academic year re-evaluate the changes in the Standard Debate Protocol to determine whether the inclusion of an online Senate environment is still required, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these changes be implemented immediately.

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