

Resolution Concerning the October 19, 2004 Letter From the Greek Life Office

October 20, 2004

WHEREAS, the appropriate student leadership of the Greek Community was not properly consulted in a reasonable manner despite the Greek Office claim, as stated on their website, that they have “been charged with the responsibility of establishing supportive and collaborative relationships with Greek leaders and members,”

WHEREAS, the University Alcohol Committee, which was created to recommend alcohol policy in a united and cooperative way and in order to include students, was not approached in any manner,

WHEREAS, not a single member of the Student Union of Washington University was aware of the imposed policy,

WHEREAS, the Student Union Senate of Washington University feels that the Greek Life Office did not respect the student leadership or student voice in the unilateral declaration of the alcohol policy imposed on the Greek community,

WHEREAS, Greek organizations have already signed contracts for events such as semi-formals that they will now have to edit or prematurely terminate,

WHEREAS, the cost of such events is non-trivial,

WHEREAS, the Student Union Senate has been approached and involved with changes in alcohol policy in the past,

WHEREAS, there is a growing sentiment on campus that the Washington University Alcohol Policy is becoming unnecessarily restrictive,

WHEREAS, many members of the Greek community are of legal age to drink,

WHEREAS, the Emergency Support Team, and other Washington University resources are not as available to students who choose to drink off campus,

WHEREAS, it is important to have a safe environment for students to enjoy themselves and relax,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Union Senate of Washington University demands that the Greek Life Office consult the appropriate bodies of the student government, including the Greek Community and this body, when making significant policy changes,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such disregard for the institutionalized safeguards, which include significant student representation, shall be avoided in the future.

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