Resolution Regarding An Elected Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

17 March 2015

Whereas, there are currently two undergraduate representatives on the Board of Trustees who are ultimately selected by the Board itself;

Whereas, these undergraduate representatives are limited in their formalized interactions with the student body;

Whereas, incoming class sizes have increased since the student representatives were initially added, warranting additional student representation on the Board of Trustees;

Whereas, the Student Union President is elected by the entire undergraduate population, and serves as the elected voice of the student body;

Whereas, the Student Union President sits on the Undergraduate Experience Committee of the Board of Trustees as well as the University Management Team and the Undergraduate Council;

Whereas, 83.6% of students who voted in the Student Union Spring 2015 elections – over 1500 undergraduates – voted in support of having the Student Union President sit on the Board of Trustees;

Whereas, many of our peer institutions – including Duke University, Cornell University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – have elected student members with voting rights on their Board of Trustees; therefore be it

Resolved, as of the 2015-16 academic year, the Student Union President will serve as a third ex officio undergraduate representative on the Board of Trustees; and be it further

Resolved, that the Student Union President and two undergraduate representatives be required to present their progress to the Student Union Senate following each Board of Trustees meeting during the academic year.

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