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A Student Government Association Resolution Renewing Its Request That The University Create a Centralized Interpreting Fund

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association has previously passed, "A Student Government Association Resolution Recommending that the University Create a Centralized Interpreting Fund," (SR: SP-00-102) that would insure that interpreters could be scheduled for all University Activities, AND

WHEREAS: The university has yet establish a Centralized Interpreting Fund, AND

WHEREAS: As a direct result members of the Northeastern Deaf Community have suffered, AND

WHEREAS: The lack of structure, guidelines, and policy with regard to the current system the university uses to appropriate and distribute funds for the Deaf Community is subject to inconsistencies and inadequacies, **AND**

WHEREAS: We are an institution of higher education with a well regarded American Sign Language Program that encourages students to believe that Northeastern University accommodates the needs of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired communities, **AND**

WHEREAS: Northeastern University should therefore set a standard for all society to follow, and not allow complacency to dictate our policies when it comes to the level of service we provide for any of our students, AND

WHEREAS: The university defines discrimination as "the unfair treatment or denial of normal privileges to persons because of their race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status" and "Northeastern University has pledged to provide all students with a nondiscriminatory academic environment, free of intimidation, coercion, and unfair treatment in all matters involving admission and registration, and in

all official relationships with students…" (Page 93 Student Handbook) **THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Government Association reaffirms its strong commitment to the University establishing and funding a centralized interpreting budget for all students of the Deaf Community at Northeastern, created and maintained through an appropriate administrative Office as a single fiscal entity, and available to all university units and activates by means of the appropriate request and approval by the office maintaining the fund, by the end of the 2001 academic year, so that our Deaf peers can fully participate, engage, and enhance the Northeastern Community as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted with the Approval of the Student Government Association Executive Board and the Student Affairs Committee,

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Vice President of Student Affairs

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Adapted by Unanimous Consent on February 28, 2002.