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# Sense of the Senate: Support of the new Service Employees International Union Master Contract

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

#### SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE

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A SENSE OF THE SENATE STATING SUPPORT OF THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) IN THEIR STRUGGLE AND THEIR STRIKE TO NEGOTIATE A NEW MASTER CONTRACT; AND RESPECTFULLY URGE THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY TO ISSUE A SIMILAR STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE SEIU

WHEREAS	The Student Government Association	, as representatives of all undergraduate students, is

aware of the unfavorable terms of the expired SEIU contract, AND

WHEREAS The Student Government Association is aware of the reasons and goals of the SEIU

strike, those being: to earn a living base wage, to increase availability of full time work,

and to gain access to health benefits, AND

Northeastern UnIversity employs one hundred seventy five SEIU melnber janitors under WHEREAS

the expired master contract, AND

These men and women are an integral part of the Northeastern Community, AND WHEREAS

WHEREAS The collective bargaining process to replace or renew the master contract is deadlocked,

and a strike has been initiated, AND

WHEREAS One of the blocking tactics of the contracting companies has been to state they, the

contractors, could not increase the pay rate of the contracted employees because it would

be forced to pass that cost on to the building owners, AND

WHEREAS The only statement in regards to the issue of contractnegotiation by the administration of

> Northeastern University has been the neutral "Theadministration feels that the collective bargaining process will have an outcome that is mutually beneficial", THEREFORE

IT IS THE SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STATES ITS OFFICIAL SUPPORT OF THE SEIU JANITORS IN THEIR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND STRIKE. THE SENATE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT ALSO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY IN SUPPORT OF THE SEIU JANITORS IN THEIR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, SO THAT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MAY NOT BE USED AS AN EXCUSE TO DENY THESE HARD WORKING INDIVIDUALS A FAIR WAGE AND HEALTH COVERAGE

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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DATE: 10/10/02

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION

YEA:

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NAY:

ABSTAIN: