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Sense of the Senate & General Council of RSA: Disciplinary Bill of Rights

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Resident Student Association, Northeastern University

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**A SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE
RESIDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A
STUDENT DISCIPLINARY BILL OF RIGHTS**

- WHEREAS,** The Student Government Association and the Resident Student Association wish to expand, protect and publicize the rights of students, in all of their forms; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** There is a significant precedent for a highly visible statement of student disciplinary rights, as evidenced at over two dozen comparable colleges and universities nationwide; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** As demonstrated by a succession of surveys, 49.3% of Northeastern students claim to be unaware of their disciplinary rights and 51.3% of Northeastern students report that they are intimidated by the disciplinary process; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** The Student OSCCR Assessment Committee, comprised of representatives from many areas of the Northeastern student body, has put forth a proposal for the creation of a Student Bill of Disciplinary Rights that we deem to be pragmatic and beneficial for the student body and the Northeastern community as a whole, **THEREFORE**

**IT IS THE SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL of
RSA THAT**

Northeastern University implement the Proposal for the Creation of the Student Disciplinary Bill of Rights, as well as the Student Disciplinary Bill of Rights, as adopted by the Student Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association on February 3, 2009; **AND**

The Student Disciplinary Bill of Rights be integrated with the Student Handbook and take effect in the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; **AND**

Each student charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct be provided with a copy of the Student Disciplinary Bill of Rights with his or her notification letter; **AND**

The Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution and all pertinent and associated offices of Northeastern University work with the Student Government Association and the Resident Student Association to implement and publicize the Student Disciplinary Bill of Rights.

Respectfully submitted to the Student Senate and General Council of RSA,

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Date: _____
Yes: _____
No: _____
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