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A SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE RESIDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE RE-EVALUATION OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONING

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association and the Resident Student Association wish to foster a fair and compassionate disciplinary environment in keeping with the educational mission of the University**; AND**

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association and the Resident Student Association firmly believe such an environment demands emphasis be placed on values such as clemency, forgiveness and recognition of self-improvement**, AND**

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association and the Resident Student Association realize the impact disciplinary probation has on a student's options for leadership experiences at Northeastern and how it limits the opportunities available to a student that would encourage his or her growth as a citizen and leader**, AND**

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association and the Resident Student Association recognize the difficulties of a weakening economy and wish to avoid the imposition of additional financial burden upon the student body**; AND**

WHEREAS, The Student OSCCR Assessment Committee, made up of representatives from all quarters of Northeastern, has put forth a proposal for the re-evaluation of current sanctioning policy that it deems to be pragmatic and beneficial for the student body and the Northeastern community as a whole, **THEREFORE**

THEREFORE IT IS THE SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE RESIDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION THAT

Northeastern University and the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution implement the recommendations of the Student OSCCR Assessment Committee regarding disciplinary sanctioning, including the enactment of a low-level violation forgiveness policy after a period of 'good behavior,' the reduction of disciplinary probation sanctions related to student leadership positions, and the opt-in substitution of a monetary fine with an educational essay or an appropriate period of community service; **AND**

These recommendations be integrated Student Handbook and take effect beginning the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; **AND**

The Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution and all associated offices and individuals work with the Student Government Association and the Resident Student Association to implement and publicize these changes to the Code of Student Conduct.

Respectfully submitted to the Student Senate and the General Council of the Resident Student Association,

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