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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Resolution of Governance to directly elect the Vice President for Student Services, thereby continuing the Association's goal of expanding direct elections.

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- Whereas:** In a memo to the Senate Nominations and Elections Committee, then-President Bill Durkin wrote "We must continue to improve on our tradition of serving the student body. Doing so requires us to be better known to the average student and play a larger role in the Northeastern community. It is my judgment that the next step in achieving this goal is by codifying a method by which the student body directly elects the leadership of the organization," and further charged the Committee "to develop a method to elect the Executive Board;" **AND**
- Whereas:** Article VI .C.3.a of the Constitution reads: "All Vice Presidents have the power and responsibility to:
- i. Serve as the official spokesperson for the committees which they chair;
 - ii. Assist students in addressing concerns, complaints, and grievances in their respective areas;" **AND**
- Whereas:** Article VI .C.3.e of the Constitution reads "The Vice President for Student Services serves to address student concerns in the areas of food and dining, information services, facilities, housing, health services, public safety, financial services, campus recreation, student accounts, ID card services, mail services, retail operations, renewable energy, the Student Center, parking, and transportation;" **AND**
- Whereas:** Additional candidates running in the direct elections allows for greater campaign outreach, thereby increasing awareness and voter turnout in the election overall. A higher voter turnout would result in increased success for the continuing expansion of direct elections; **AND**
- Whereas:** The Vice President for Student Services deals with a large volume of high-interest issues that are quickly resolved, where the direct election of this position would result in increased visibility of Association accomplishments to the Student Body; **AND**
- Whereas:** Article IV.A.2 of the Bylaws reads "Annual elections for the President for the following academic year will be held in the spring semester according to procedures in the Direct Elections Manual. Annual elections for all other elected officers for the following academic year will be held in the spring semester and will be conducted by the Full Body." **THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article IV.A.2 of the Bylaws be modified to read “Annual elections for the President and the Vice President of Student Services for the following academic year will be held in the spring semester according to procedures in the Direct Elections Manual. Annual elections for all other elected officers for the following academic year will be held in the spring semester and will be conducted by the Full Body.”

Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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ATTEST: Sean P. Maloney
Executive Vice President

Date: _____
YAY: _____
NAY: _____
ABSTAIN: _____