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Sense of the Senate: More Accessible Recycling on Campus

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Sense of the Student Senate Addressing the Need for a More Accessible Recycling Program on Campus

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- Whereas:** There is currently a petition presented by the Husky Energy Action Team to increase the availability of recycling around campus as supported by more than 1500 students who have signed said petition; **AND**
- Whereas:** The University should reaffirm its commitment to sustainability by providing a more accessible recycling program on its campus for students, faculty, and staff that encompasses all facets of the University; **AND**
- Whereas:** The University has expanded its recycling program in certain areas and because of these changes has seen great increases in participation thereof; **AND**
- Whereas:** The University currently has limited available recycling within certain areas on campus that include public spaces in staff offices and residential buildings; **AND**
- Whereas:** Upon signing the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), in 2007 President Aoun said, “Sustainability will factor into all of our decisions and plans for new services, building designs, and product choices. I appeal to all faculty, staff, and students to take their own individual steps towards making Northeastern an exemplar in sustainability”; **AND**
- Whereas:** In 2010 the Sustainable Endowments Institute, awarded the University one of the highest ratings in North America on its 2011 College Sustainability Report Card—an A-, which is the highest of any Boston-based university. The University should therefore further its efforts in order to keep this high ranking; **THEREFORE**

IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT:

The undergraduate student body supports a more accessible recycling program to be implemented on campus; **AND FURTHER THAT**

This recycling program is to include plastic, metal, and paper recycling with bins made available in all student academic spaces working within fire code and city ordinances, common areas within faculty and staff offices, public spaces within residential buildings; **AND FURTHER THAT**

Public outdoor spaces across campus continue to be furnished with receptacles that include trash, bottles and cans; **AND FURTHER THAT**



Recycling availability be addressed in set-up of both indoor and outdoor special events; **AND FURTHER THAT**

Said recycling bins are to be labeled in order to make it explicitly clear what materials are accepted in order to facilitate proper recycling on campus; **AND FURTHER THAT**

A clear description of the University's program be made available online; **AND FURTHER THAT**

All new construction and renovations of buildings on campus take appropriate measures to ensure adequate recycling availability; **AND FURTHER THAT**

An update is provided to the Association after a year's time regarding the status of the above items.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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Senator

Ryan J. Fox
President

ATTEST: _____
Sean P. Maloney
Executive Vice President

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