

A Resolution Supporting the Room Fee Proposed by the Departments of Resident Life and Residential Facilities for Fiscal Year 2027

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students at the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS RHA has jurisdiction over all on-campus issues, including those related to the University of Maryland Department of Resident Life (ResLife) and Department of Residential Facilities (DRF); and

WHEREAS RHA has priority influence regarding issues within the Residential Halls through the Residential Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB) and ResLife through the Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLATE); and

WHEREAS ReFAB and ReLATE must submit recommendations to the RHA Senate regarding student fees proposed by ResLife and DRF; and

WHEREAS for fiscal year 2027, ResLife and DRF are proposing a 2.14% increase for their standard room rate in line with the differentiated rates fee structure; and

WHEREAS the proposed fee increases accounts for necessary cost increases, including salary and wage adjustments, fringe benefit increases, insurance increases, and a net increase in utilities and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS the fee increase additionally covers a 2.20% increase in the cost of Resident Assistant (RA) Dining Plans, and the gradual adjustment accounting for the change in laundry contracts totalling \$56,445, and

WHEREAS the directors of ResLife and DRF, Dennis Passarella-George and John Blackwood respectively, presented a budget outline to senators in ReFAB and ReLATE in committee meetings throughout the months of September and October, as well as the RHA Senate on December 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS the 2025-2026 joint ReLATE/ReFAB committee recommends that the RHA Senate supports the proposed fee increases for the fiscal year 2027;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that RHA supports the fee proposal presented by the Department of Resident Life for fiscal year 2027.

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