Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Resolution 18-19, 06* }

A Resolution Calling for Appreciation of and Problem-solving for the Plan to Build a Student Center

Introduced By: Senator **Madelynn Wellons** and Senator **Claire Gorman** and considered this **12th** day of **March** in the Year **2019**

Sponsored By: Sophomore Senator **Sam Mollin**
Sophomore Senator **Coco Cai**

Referred to the senate by **THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SERVICES** which recommends its **PASSAGE** by a vote of **4** to **0**.

Whereas on March 5th, President Daniels announced the anonymous donation of funds to create an on-campus student center, set to exist in the current location of Mattin Center and with construction set to be completed around Fall 2024,

Whereas many student organizations have been advocating for a Student Center for decades due to the many notable benefits that a student center could bring to campus,

Whereas the funding of a student center is an incredible achievement for the Johns Hopkins community and it is something for which we must be grateful; at the same time, the placement of

the student center in the Mattin Center has raised questions among some students with regard to the specific details about the planning process; and

Whereas Advocates for Disability Awareness (ADA) put forth a list of demands to the University administration in Spring 2018; one of these demands was to move the Student Disabilities Office (SDS) to a more accessible location and in July 2018, Vice Provost Kevin Shollenberger announced the SDS move to Mattin Center, which was originally set to be completed by November 2018 and was pushed back several times to the current deadline of Summer 2019,

Whereas Bamboo Cafe serves as not only a place of employment for students and full-time professionals, but also the only cultural gathering point for many Asian-American students on campus,

Whereas Student Leadership and Involvement employs 36 student monitors, in which roughly ⅓ of the staff gets a majority (if not all) of their work hours from being monitors at the Mattin Center,

Whereas Mattin Center is the only space on campus dedicated to the arts, and many arts groups and Visual Arts minors depend on the spaces with specific needs, such as ventilation for paint studios, pianos, wooden floors and mirror in practicing spaces, etc.

Therefore, Be It Resolved a new space be selected for the Student Disability Services office and that the office be fully moved in by the end of the Summer of 2019, as was indicated to students with disabilities at the beginning of this semester.

Be It Further Resolved that the employees of Student Leadership and Involvement and Bamboo Cafe not be financially impacted as a result of this (solutions include building transition spaces before tearing down Mattin, only tearing down select portions of Mattin, finding alternate but equally paying jobs of similar tasks for the employees, and more).

Be It Further Resolved that every need of the arts groups and Visual Arts minors be taken into account when finding new spaces for these amenities, and that the spaces they are moved to are equal or better than their current space in Mattin.

Be It Further Resolved that in recognition of the burden the students with disabilities and Asian-American students are facing in particular, the Student Center have rooms specifically designated for celebrating the culture of Asian-American students and students with disabilities (such as a disability cultural center as in Syracuse University's Student Center, and Bamboo Cafe being re-created in the Student Center).

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the offices of University President Ron Daniels, University Provost Sunil Kumar, Athletics and Recreation Director Alanna Shanahan, the Office of Facilities and Development, and the appropriate contacts in each of the offices outlined in the preceding *Be It Resolved* clause.

THE RESOLUTION HEREBY **PASSES/FAILS** BY A VOTE OF **X** TO **X** WITH **X** ABSTENTIONS.

UPON ADOPTION, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATING THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTION AS THE POSITION AND IS WILL OF THE SENATE AND THE STUDENT BODY OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

Signatures of Enactment:

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Miranda Bannister
President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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AJ Tsang
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Aspen Williams
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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Madelynn Wellons
Junior Class Senator of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Claire Gorman
Junior Class Senator of the Johns Hopkins SGA