



A Resolution to endorse the room and board rates increases for the Fiscal Year 2021 as proposed by the Division of Student Life and to call attention to student Housing and Dining needs.

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan Residence Halls Association (hereinafter RHA) is the student government of the residence halls at the University of Michigan, represents the interests of residents living in University Housing, and speaks on their behalf;

WHEREAS, RHA is governed by its Constitution and Bylaws;

WHEREAS, University Housing, the Office of Student Life, the Office of the Provost, and the Board of Regents seek to hear from students when determining room and board rates;

WHEREAS, A 4.8.4.2 of the bylaws states, "The Rates Special Committee must keep resident's opinion at the forefront of their concerns";

WHEREAS, Housing has agreed to better manage a number of elements of the residential experience including those written in Appendix A;

WHEREAS, RHA would like to see the improvements to housing written in Appendix B;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused financial hardships for students and has created new safety guidelines for Housing and Dining;

WHEREAS, RHA Executive Board highlights the importance of reducing costs as to not cause further financial stress for residents; **and**

WHEREAS, the Housing rate increase of 1.5% has been proposed to meet sanitary and safety guidelines; **now, therefore, be it**

RESOLVED, that the RHA

1. acknowledges the necessity for the proposed residence hall room and board rate increase for the Fiscal Year 2021;
2. will help accomplish the changes in the appendices when possible and work with Housing to formulate solid plans for these changes in the future; and

3. shall work with Housing to ensure that the needs and voices of students should be heard regarding alterations to residential life and room and board rate increases.

As approved by the Executive Board;

And as witnessed by the Chair.

Karma Koirala 06/12/20

Chair

Date

Appendix A: The following notes all of the matters which Housing has agreed to better manage following communications with the RHA Executive Board:

Cleaners and sanitizer for students

New sanitizing equipment

Plexiglass and other protective barriers

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Testing measures for students (if needed)

Appendix B: The following notes the additions which the Executive Board and Rates Special Committee of the 63rd session, on behalf of the residents, would like to see in the residence halls:

Increased custodial cleaning of hall high-touch point surfaces as defined by the CDC

Free Feminine Hygiene products and payless dispensers in Resident Hall restrooms

Free Laundry and use of clothing washers and dryers for residents to limit cash and coin contact

Key Card swipers for elevators, stairwells, and high-touch point surfaces

Highly-accessible sanitizing wipes and hand-sanitizing dispensers in Resident and Dining Halls

Better shower curtains and more automation of sinks and toilets for less contact with surfaces in Resident Hall restrooms