Title: A Resolution Regarding the amendment of HCSA By-laws to clarify GPA requirements.

Whereas: HCSA provides opportunities for students who wish to enrich their academic experience with leadership opportunities; and,

Whereas: Academic success is an important facet of this student association; and,

Whereas: The Leadership Agreement of Housing & Food requires certain GPA performance for an academic term; and,

Whereas: The relevant semester GPAs for a position are the semester immediately prior to holding the position and the semesters while the position is held; and,

Whereas: Many HCSA leadership positions take office near the end of a semester: and,

Whereas: The HCSA governing documents do not currently specify when a semester GPA is verified for candidates and newly elected positions.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1: The HCSA By-Laws be amended with the following changes, where red is added text, and strikethrough is removed text.

Article VI: Executive Board Elections and Appointments

Section II
Any candidate running for any HCSA elective office must be in good standing with the University in accordance with the guidelines found in the General Catalog in order to be eligible for candidacy. In addition, the HCSA adviser(s) will verify that each candidate’s cumulative GPA meets the requirements for the elected position to determine eligibility for candidacy in the election. The previous Fall or Spring Semester GPA will be verified when the elected person’s term begins and signs the leadership agreement.

Section IV
Academic Eligibility is defined as having a cumulative and semester GPA of 2.5, which will be verified by advisors. Cumulative GPA will be verified in order to
Semester GPA will be verified at the beginning of the elected person’s term when they sign the leadership agreement.

Article VII: Impeachment Procedure

Section I

Each Executive Board member’s semester and cumulative GPA will be checked by the Advisor(s) at the time the person takes office and signs the leadership agreement, as well as at the beginning of each semester while they hold an Executive Board position. If an Executive Board member does not meet the GPA standards required by the Constitution, he/she will be placed on academic probation immediately removed from office upon the determination that his/her GPA on record (as checked at the beginning and end of each semester according to the procedure above by the adviser(s)) does not meet the requirement.

Executive Board Members who are placed on academic probation will continue to perform the duties of the position, but will be notified by the adviser(s) that he/she will lose their position if they do not meet the GPA requirements by the following deadline.

In the case of removal academic probation due to GPA, the removed Executive Board member will have until the end of the intersession or summer term to raise his/her previous semester’s GPA to the required point to regain his/her Executive Board member position. If the Executive Member’s semester GPA does not meet the requirements by the end of the intersession or summer term, they will be removed from office.

Semester GPA refers to the GPA of the most recent Fall or Spring Semester.

Section 2: Copies of this legislation sent to the following:

Dave Annis, Director of Housing and Food Services
Diane Brittingham, Director of Residence Life
Brian Rock, Assistant Director of Residence Life and HCSA Adviser
Samantha Raines, HCSA Graduate Adviser
Lindsay Davis, HCSA Graduate Adviser
Elissa Ungerman, HCSA President

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Action Taken by the Council: Passed

Verified by Chair:_________________________ Date: 3.8.16