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Resolution #13 Asking the University of Baltimore to create an Exploratory team on Bringing Greek Life to The University of Baltimore

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Committee: Student Affairs

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WHEREAS, The University of Baltimore has a steadily declining student life and campus culture that is in desperate need of revival,

WHEREAS, The number of non-law student organizations on campus has fallen dramatically in the past 4 years, and the Center for Student Engagement and Inclusion has not been able to successfully maintain a growing, active, and exciting campus culture due to budgetary reasons and the COVID-19 pandemic,

WHEREAS, The University of Baltimore currently does not have a Greek Life system that would allow students to be part of organizations where they foster deeper collegiate relationships through building connections, philanthropy, and community service,

WHEREAS, Greek Life is an integral part of most university's identity and their campus culture because it helps build school spirit and morale among members as well as providing a sense of connection to future alumni that have attended the institution,

WHEREAS, The University of Baltimore has suffered low enrollment, retention, and low campus engagement over the past several years due to a dying campus culture and the lack of meaningful campus engagement opportunities such as sports teams and Greek Life which most USM schools have in some capacity,

WHEREAS, Campus members who previously attended school with Greek Life have voiced their desire to have such opportunities of engagement at our school and SGA members are aware of numerous students who transferred out as a result of lack of such amenities,

WHEREAS, Creating a Greek Life system at our school can help retain students and serve as a tool for recruitment,

WHEREAS, Greek Life is an important aspect of the college experience which helps students form lifelong friendships, a deeper connection with their university, and provides them with vital networking resources which can help them advance their careers post-graduation,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED:

SECTION 1: The University of Baltimore Student Government Association is formally requesting that the University of Baltimore creates an exploratory team on bringing Greek Life to the University of Baltimore.

SECTION 2: The University of Baltimore SGA will share this resolution with the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, SBA, GSC, Provost Anderson, and President Schmoke to start a discussion about this topic and to gain feedback from a wide population regarding bringing Greek Life to campus.

Vice President Sabrina Bridglal

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