



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW RESIDENCE HALL (23/3)

WHEREAS, Residence halls are a cornerstone of the student experience; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, The George Washington University announced its intention to build a new 320-bed residence hall adjacent to the University Yard and initiated development plans for the new residence hall;¹ and

WHEREAS, The new residence hall project was temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic during which students were not housed in University dormitories; and

WHEREAS, The recently renovated Thurston Hall has substantially reduced the available undergraduate housing;² and

WHEREAS, A new residence hall is competitively vital to attracting top quality undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, A new residence hall is needed to provide swing space during essential renovations to existing residence halls; and

WHEREAS, The University has already significantly invested in developing plans and estimates for a new residence hall and has shared those plans with the broader GW community³; and

WHEREAS, Building a new residence hall is widely recognized as a safe investment that promises to enhance both the student experience and the financial stability of the George Washington University.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- (1) That the Faculty Senate continues to endorse the previously announced construction of a new University residence hall in the space adjacent to the University Yard;
- (2) That the Faculty Senate urges the central Administration to resume the planning and construction of the previously announced University residence hall with all deliberate speed; and
- (3) That the Faculty Senate recommends that the construction of the new residence hall be placed at or near the top of the priority list for capital budget expenditures.

Faculty Senate Committee on Physical Facilities, October 13, 2022

Faculty Senate Committee on Educational Policy and Technology, October 21, 2022

Adopted by the Faculty Senate, November 11, 2022

¹ [University Incorporating Student Feedback into New Residence Hall Design Process](#). *GW Today*. December 3, 2018.

² [Thurston Hall reopens with dramatic renovations, extensive communal space](#). *GW Hatchet*. August 22, 2022.

³ [New residence hall will feature loft-style common spaces, new dining vendor](#). *GW Hatchet*. December 3, 2018.