

University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. 350 Student Union, Buffalo, NY 14260 www.sa.buffalo.edu

Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#10

Subject: Promoting Equitable Access to Student Spaces

Requested: Grant Peterson, Senator; Joshua Brodsky, Senator.

Whereas, the Student Association (SA) values its diverse student body and recognizes the importance of fostering an inclusive campus environment where all students feel supported and safe;

Whereas, recent changes to the University's allocation and use of student union spaces have led to questions about the availability and continuity of dedicated areas for students and student organizations;

Whereas, the transition to a booking-based system for room usage aims to promote broader access but may inadvertently disrupt established community spaces that provide support, privacy, and consistency for student populations;

Whereas, equitable access to student spaces is important to ensuring that all students, regardless of background, can engage in activities that promote well-being, community building, and academic success;

Whereas, dialogue between student organizations, the SA, and university administration is likewise important to addressing space allocation issues in a fair and transparent manner;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association encourages the university administration to:

Review and potentially revise the current room allocation policies to include provisions for dedicated, long-term spaces for student organizations that demonstrate a need for consistent access, while ensuring these provisions are applied equitably without favoritism toward any specific organization or viewpoint;

Engage in consultations with affected student organizations to explore alternative solutions for community spaces or accommodations;

Establish additional guidelines and criteria for evaluating requests for dedicated spaces, that consider factors like student safety, privacy needs, and historical usage;

Open lines of communication with the Student Association on this topic.

Be it further resolved that the SA commits to advocating for all students' access to campus resources in a manner that upholds principles of equity, non-discrimination, and respect for diversity.