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AR 22 In Support of 24/7 Guest Hours in University Residence Halls

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WHEREAS Currently, University residents are restricted to having guests between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., and only guests of the same sex are allowed to be overnight guests¹; and,

WHEREAS In a survey conducted by the University Residence Hall Association during the Spring 2010 semester, a majority of surveyed residents reported either “disliking” or “hating” the current guest hours policy and a majority of surveyed residents were in favor of removing all guest hour restrictions²; and,

WHEREAS An overwhelming majority of peer institutions already have guest hour policies similar to those being proposed by the University Residence Hall Association³; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin supports the efforts of the University Residence Hall Association and the Division of Housing and Food Service to move to a less limited guest hours policy; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Student Government requests that guests of any sex be allowed at any time of the day provided that 1) they are checked in by their escorting resident, 2) the resident’s roommate, if applicable, agrees to allow the guest to visit at that time, and 3) that the guest must leave the residence halls within 72 hours of being checked in; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Student Government strongly encourages The University of Texas at Austin to allow the implementation of the Division of Housing and Food Service’s proposal for a new guest hours policy; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the President, the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Division of Housing and Food Service and The Daily Texan.

¹ <http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.php?site=2&scode=0&id=319>

² <http://www.scribd.com/doc/38650612/Guest-Hours-Survey-Results>

³ <http://www.scribd.com/doc/38658809/Peer-Institutions-Research>