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**A Bill to Create an Ad-Hoc Committee to Report on the Feasibility of Expanding the Availability of “Common Read” Programs for Incoming First-Years for the Representative Body**

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WHEREAS: The University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science provides the opportunity for first-year students to participate in a “Common Read,” where each student reads the same text and is given the opportunity to discuss this text with their peers; AND,

WHEREAS: The “Common Read” program gives first-year students an immediate shared experience from which to build a sense of community off of; AND,

WHEREAS: Such a sense of community is an essential component for fostering a civically engaged student body; AND,

WHEREAS: Fostering a sense of community and high levels of civic engagement from the student body is a central mission of the Student Council; THEREFORE BE IT,

ENACTED: The Student Council Representative Body forms the “Common Read Research Committee” (CRRC) as an ad-hoc committee of the Representative Body; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: CRRC will be comprised of no more than 3 Student Council Representative Body members to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chair of the Representative Body and no more than 2 members of the Student Council Executive Board or the Student Council Presidential Cabinet to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President of the Student Council; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: The CRRC will consist of representatives from each of the First-Year enrolling schools; i.e., SEAS, Architecture, Curry, Nursing, and the College; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: At least one member of the CRRC committee shall be a Transfer Student to represent the interests of transfer impact and implementation; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: The designated Ex Officio Representative to a Student Council Standing Committee with a substantive connection to the stated goal of CRRC will be drawn from the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Council; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: The Chair of the Representative Body shall appoint a Chair of CRRC from the no more than 5 members previously appointed to CRRC by the Chair of the



Representative Body and the President of the Student Council; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: CRRC will be tasked with working with administrators and professors currently involved in the university's "Common Read" programs, contacting potential partner universities, and exploring current student interest in such a program in order to present to the Student Council Representative Body a feasible proposal for the expansion of the availability of "Common Read" programs to the student body at large: AND BE IT FURTHER;

ENACTED: CRRC will either report back to the Student Council General Body on or prior to February 28, 2017 at the pleasure of the Chair of the Representative Body or request, from the Chair of the Representative Body, an extension, not to exceed one calendar year, of the deadline by which a report must be given to the Student Council General Body or another extension must be requested.

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Chair Date

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Sponsor Date

