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**A Bill to Create an Ad-Hoc Committee to Report on the Effect of Student Population on Affordable Housing in the Charlottesville Area for the Representative Body
Sponsored By: David Birkenthal (College of Arts and Sciences Representative)**

WHEREAS: The Board of Visitors has recently considered increasing the total enrollment of undergraduate students at the university; AND,

WHEREAS: Previous considerations of enrollment increases have invigorated investment into new, privately owned, off-grounds student-housing projects in the immediate vicinity of grounds; AND,

WHEREAS: Such investments have resulted in the construction of new student-housing projects, notably along West Main Street; AND,

WHEREAS: The development companies for these new student-housing projects have avoided providing the mandated affordable housing as part of their projects by paying lump sums into the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF); AND,

WHEREAS: Due to the targeting of a student-based clientele by the operators of these residential complexes, the University of Virginia student body has a duty to be concerned with the residual effects of Charlottesville resource allocations to the aforementioned residential complexes on the availability of affordable housing in the Charlottesville area; THEREFORE BE IT;

ENACTED: The Student Council Representative Body for the “Student Council Student Population and Affordable Housing Research Committee” (STUDCO SPAHRC) as an Ad-Hoc Committee of the Representative Body; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: STUDCO SPAHRC will be comprised of no more than 4 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 3 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 designated Ex Officio Representative to a Student Council Standing Committee with a substantive connection to the stated goal of STUDCO SPAHRC will be drawn from the Diversity and Equity Committee, the Community Service Committee, and/or the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Student Council; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: The Chair of the Representative Body shall appoint either a Chair of STUDCO SPAHRC or two Co-Chairs of STUDCO SPAHRC from the no more than 7 members previously appointed to STUDCO SPAHRC by the Chair of the



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

ENACTED: STUDCO SPAHRC will be tasked with researching and reporting back to the Student Council General Body on the overall need for affordable housing in Charlottesville, the reasons for the avoidance of affordable housing inclusion in student-housing projects, the past uses and proposed future uses of CAHF funds by the City of Charlottesville, and the overall effect of Charlottesville student population on affordable housing in the area; AND BE IT FURTHER,

ENACTED: STUDCO SPAHRC 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.

Chair Date

Sponsor(s) Date