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A Resolution to Support the Animal Justice Advocates' Initiative for the Phasing Out of Dissection at the University

Sponsored by: Ellie Brasacchio (Chair of the Representative Body), Brian Cameron (Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences)

WHEREAS: The University of Virginia has the opportunity to lead the way in compassionate teaching and research as a major research institution; **AND,**

WHEREAS: Dissection integrates violence against animals into the classroom by supporting an industry that exploits, harms, and kills sentient beings and perpetuates a pedagogy that instructs students that such violence is necessary and just; **AND,**

WHEREAS: Alternatives to dissection, such as virtual reality and anatomical models, would provide students the opportunity to gain equitable anatomical education, as well as experience with high-tech, innovative means of learning, while also reducing the cost of these programs through the elimination of single-use specimens; **THEREFORE BE IT.**

RESOLVED: The Student Council Representative Body supports the incremental phasing out of dissections at the University through student-choice policies, dissection-free pilot programs, and the provision of fully dissection-free courses; **AND BE IT FURTHER,**

RESOLVED: The Student Council Representative Body recognizes the Animal Justice Advocates at UVa for their "Education Without Violence" campaign and pursuit of the compassionate treatment of animals through the ideals of student self-governance.

Chair

Date

Sponsor(s)

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