Commission on University Support Resolution 2008-09A

Resolution for the Appointments of the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator, Office of the Associate Vice President for Facilities; and the Director of Housing and Dining Services, Student Programs, as Ex Officio Members of the Energy and Sustainability Committee

Resolution for the Removal of the Assistant Vice President for Administration & Transitional Operations or Designee as an Ex Officio Member of the Energy and Sustainability Committee

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WHEREAS, the Energy and Sustainability Committee is a standing committee that has the responsibility to review and provide advice to the University Administration on broad policy issues relating to the university's energy supply and use, and resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Vice President for Administrative Services has created a new faculty position with the title Energy and Sustainability Coordinator within the Office of the Associate Vice President for Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Vice President for Administrative Services serves as chair of the Energy and Sustainability Committee; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of Resolution 2007-08B the number of representatives from Virginia Tech Facilities selected by the Vice President for Administrative Services has been reduced from four to two; and

WHEREAS, the Vice President for Administrative Services selected the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator to serve as one of his four representatives during academic year 2007-08; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Vice President for Administrative Services for the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator to coordinate all operational activities of the Energy and Sustainability Committee to include providing primary administrative support;

WHEREAS, the Energy and Sustainability Committee had recommended the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator be appointed as an ex officio member and had submitted draft Resolution 2007-08C to the Commission on University Support for consideration near the end of the 2008 Spring Semester; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Housing and Dining Services manages approximately half of the number of buildings on the Blacksburg campus totaling 2.5 million gross square feet of space; and

WHEREAS, Dining Services is nationally award winning program that is committed to innovation and student satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, Dining Services serves more than 5 million meals each year at 11 conveniently located restaurants on the Blacksburg campus; and

WHEREAS, our students have consistently voiced a strong desire to have their residence halls and dining facilities become more sustainable and have offered positive recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Housing and Dining Services and his employees have implemented, or are in the process of implementing, a number of those student recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Housing and Dining Services voluntarily attended many of the meetings of the Energy and Sustainability Committee meetings during the 2008 Spring Semester to provide essential expertise; and

WHEREAS, near the end of academic year 2007-08 the members of the Energy and Sustainability Committee unanimously recommended the appointment of the Director of Housing and Dining Services to be an ex-officio member of the Energy and Sustainability Committee for 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, the President has selected the Director of Housing and Dining Services as a member of the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment Subcommittee tasked with the development of a draft comprehensive sustainability plan for the university by the end of the 2008 Fall Semester; and

WHEREAS, the position of the Assistant Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (currently listed as the Assistant Vice President for Administration and Transitional Operations or Designee) was originally an ex-officio member and represented the Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Office which no longer exists;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator be appointed as an ex officio member of the Energy and Sustainability Committee; that the Director of Housing and Dining Services be appointed as an ex officio member of the Energy and Sustainability Committee; and that the Assistant Vice President for Administration & Transitional Operations or Designee be removed as an ex officio member of the Energy and Sustainability Committee.