

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUSLIM STUDENT UNION OF VIRGINIA TECH TO THE COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS MEMBERSHIP

Commission on Student Affairs

Resolution 2016-17B

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Approved, President	May 1, 2017
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WHEREAS, the Muslim Student Union (MSU) is a University Chartered Student Organization that strives to help propagate the motto of *Ut Prosim* and a culture of continuous improvement through collaborative thinking and action. The organization's mission is to spread awareness and appreciation of different cultures, religions, and ethnicities through diversity and inclusion by representing every Muslim community member on campus through engagement in University policy formation, diversity and inclusion efforts, and raising awareness of how Virginia Tech policies affect those who identify as Muslim as well as the community as a whole, as well as to break down the stigma that has come to be associated with Muslims; and

WHEREAS, as a Muslim-majority organization, the MSU strive to be able to aid in the formulation of University policies and procedures that affect all students at Virginia Tech. In particular, the MSU provides a unique perspective that can weigh in on policy related issues that concern all aspects of being a student at Virginia Tech that may negatively impact the college experience of those who identify as Muslim; and

WHEREAS, the Muslim Student Union serves as an umbrella organization that will speak on behalf of multiple student organizations across cultures that share aspects of the Muslim identity, including but not limited to: The Muslim Student Association, the Ahlul-Bayt Student Association, and the Islamic Student Association; and

WHEREAS: The Muslim Student Union can give input and perspective into issues related to student relations with peers, staff, faculty, administrators, alumni, and the community from a lens that represents all students that identify as Muslim culturally and religiously. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Article III (H) of the University Council By-Laws be amended to include the President of the Muslim Student Union of Virginia Tech to the Commission on Student Affairs membership.