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3 **The Student Association of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma**

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8 **An Even Playing Field Resolution**

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10 WHEREAS: The Student Association Senate is the representative body for the students of the
11 University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and the unified voice that affirms
12 students’ concerns; and,

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14 WHEREAS: The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma currently uses housing placements
15 as a recruitment and retention tool for incoming and current students who are
16 athletes; and,

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18 WHEREAS: This practice should be extended to all departments to allow them to also recruit
19 and retain students; and,

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21 WHEREAS: Allowing and urging departments to use this practice would create equality between
22 all students and athletes and overall strengthen all programs; and

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24 WHEREAS: This system is already in place for athletic students, so extending it to these
25 departments is possible and would create positive outcomes for the departments
26 who take part in it; and,

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28 WHEREAS: There are many communities on campus with similar schedules; creating housing
29 blocks for these students will strengthen the sense of community between the
30 students within them and decrease roommate incompatibility.

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32 **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**
33 **SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA THAT:**

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35 SECTION 1: The Student Government Association shall urge the University of Science and Arts
36 to allow all departments to use housing placements as a recruitment and retention
37 tool by setting aside housing blocks for them, similarly to how it is done with
38 athletic teams.

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40 SECTION 2: This legislation shall go into effect for the 2025-2026 housing placements.

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42 SECTION 3: Copies of this act shall be distributed to the following:
43 All current members of the USAO Student Government Association (SGA)

44 Senate, all current members of the SGA Executive Council, all current members of
45 the SGA Supreme Court, all current advisors of the SGA, Housing Coordinators
46 Annie Roberts, Skyler Garneau, Galen Phillips, Director of Recruitment Barry
47 Feuerborn, Office of President Kayla Hale, Vice President for Enrollment
48 Management and Student Life Sheppard McConnell, Dean of the School of Visual
49 and Performing Arts Dean Vineyard, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and
50 Business Misty Steele, Dean of the School of Education and Speech Language
51 Pathology Sarah Layman, Dean of the School of Science and Kinesiology, and
52 Dean of the School of IDS and Humanities.

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Harry Cracknell
SGA President

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SGA Vice President

