

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND APPROVE VIRGINIA TECH UNDERGRADUATE HOUSING POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech’s housing policy states, “All first-year (undergraduate) students are required to live on campus (in Blacksburg), are guaranteed housing, and must have a dining plan,” and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech is dedicated to offering excellent, on-campus, residential experiences for all incoming first-year students; and

**WHEREAS**, the university will continue to require that first-year undergraduate students live in residence halls on the Blacksburg campus; and

**WHEREAS**, amending the undergraduate housing policy will improve the university’s ability to provide on-campus residential experiences for first-year students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, an unexpected surplus of students applied for on-campus housing, and in compliance with current policy that guarantees housing for first year students, the university was obligated to secure hotels, impacting the experience of entering first-year students; and

**WHEREAS**, suspending the requirement to live on campus and guarantee of housing for students who submit a housing contract after on-campus capacity is exhausted does not preclude the university from considering options for securing additional housing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the policy language noted below be approved and made effective upon approval by the Board of Visitors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the appropriate university documents and websites include the revised policy language; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors delegates changes to this policy to the president and the president’s designee.

**Virginia Tech Undergraduate Housing Policy**

~~All first-year students are required to live on campus, are guaranteed housing, and must have a dining plan.~~

Virginia Tech maintains a first-year housing and dining plan requirement with the goal of accommodating all first-year students. Virginia Tech may, on occasion, suspend the first-year requirement and guarantee for those who do not to submit their housing contract before the university’s on-campus housing capacity in Blacksburg has been exhausted. First-year students should submit a housing contract as soon as they are committed to attending Virginia Tech.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Visitors approve the amended housing policy for undergraduate students.

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