

Resolution F12-001 – Resolution to form an ad hoc committee to study Westville Transit and Housing

Whereas during the spring of 2012 New Haven had the highest apartment rental occupancy rate in the nation, and

Whereas the City of New Haven has revaluated residential properties in New Haven, and

Whereas the increased tax rates resulting from this revaluation have been imposed first on those parts of the city on which graduate rely most for housing, and

Whereas the higher taxes have led to increased rent costs for graduate students, and

Whereas the Westville neighborhood of New Haven has relatively few graduate students living in it, and

Whereas Westville has quality housing stock at comparatively affordable prices, and

Whereas graduate students lack reliable and expedient public transit access to Westville, and

Whereas opening Westville to higher rates of graduate student residence would relieve pressure Downtown and in East Rock, and

Whereas this could lower or at least contain rents for graduate students as a whole,

Therefore be it resolved by the Graduate Student Assembly that an ad hoc committee be formed to investigate the feasibility of improving transit to, and housing access in Westville, and

Be it further resolved by the Graduate Student Assembly that this ad hoc committee shall be terminated by April 24, 2013, by which point it shall have reported its findings to the General Assembly.