A Resolution
Expressing the Sentiments of the Representative Assembly on Future Construction Projects

WHEREAS, the College will undertake construction projects in the future; and

WHEREAS, students have a crucial role to play in all campus construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Dining Hall and Rand Village construction projects have been marked by an inconstancy of formal student representation and uncertainty of information; and

WHEREAS, it is the Representative Assembly’s responsibility to ensure that the student body’s voice is heard; now, therefore be it

Resolved,
That the following articles are deemed by the Representative Assembly to be guiding propositions for future construction projects:

Article 1, That student participation is of paramount importance in campus construction projects.

Article 2, That formal committees are to be formed for each separate phase of the construction process (architect selection, design, and construction). The lifespan and powers of said committees are to be prescribed before said committees sit.

Article 3, That all formal construction committees are to have a minimum of three student members.

Article 4, That student members of all formal construction committees are to be chosen by the Representative Assembly, through a process chosen by said body.

Article 5, That meetings of all formal construction committees be open to the public and advertised through appropriate media.

Article 6, That the minutes of all formal construction committees be kept and publicly posted on the Bates website.

Article 7, That a website be set up specifically for the construction process by those actors responsible for the process. Said website is to be updated frequently with information and presentations.

Article 8, That frequent informational sessions with architects, construction personnel, and other appropriate actors be held often in the evening hours to ensure maximum student attendance.

Article 9, That the Representative Assembly’s opinion is to be solicited from time to time on construction-related matters.
Article 10, That the student body as a whole be given actionable, decision-making power over the construction process. This proposition might include, but is not limited to, a vote among several finalized designs.

Article 11, That a mechanism be set up for students to give feedback such as through e-mail or a suggestion box.

Article 12, That the Representative Assembly offers its assistance to the Administration in order to encourage student participation.

That upon passage, the President of the Bates College Student Government is to communicate this resolution to President Hansen, Dean Goundie, Dean Foster-Zsiga, and a copy be sent to the Bates Student.

Respectfully submitted,

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