A Resolution
To Investigate the Wheelchair Efficiency at Bates College

Whereas, many buildings on the Bates College campus are not accessible to a person in a wheelchair; and
Whereas, many of the buildings that serve as residences are not accessible to a person in a wheelchair; and
Whereas, Bates College professes to be an institution accepting of students from all backgrounds and abilities, as stated in the Affirmative Action Policy and statement of Non-Discrimination and Sexual Harassment; and
Whereas, only in a rare instance does a student matriculate into Bates College who is restricted to a wheelchair; now therefore, be it

Resolved,
That Bates College adheres to its commitment to enroll students of a diverse background, which includes, among other things, students with physical disabilities.
That the Physical Plant Advisory Committee provide information to the Representative Assembly regarding wheelchair accessibility at Bates College within three weeks of passage of this resolution.
That the Faculty-Student Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid provide information to the Representative Assembly regarding the measures the College utilizes to attract students with physical disabilities within three weeks of passage of this resolution.
That the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis provide any information it has to the Representative Assembly regarding the number of students with physical disabilities who express interest in Bates, are admitted to Bates, and matriculate into Bates, within three weeks of passage of this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Originally proposed and passed.