

A Resolution to Support the Implementation of “Bird Safe” Building Practices

Carla Gracia (for herself and Samuel Reed) introduced the following resolution; which was referred to the Steering Committee, where it passed.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas the state of Ohio plays an integral part in the conservation of birds by providing breeding habitats and being in their migratory path,¹ and

Whereas The Ohio State University is in the center of Ohio, and

Whereas The Ohio State University is home to a vast amount of buildings, including some with full walls made of glass, and

Whereas birds crash into glass due to the reflection of the landscape,² and

Whereas these birds usually die on impact or from their injuries,² and

Whereas the aforementioned collisions can be prevented, and

Whereas Loyola University – Chicago has a program to prevent bird collisions,³

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) at The Ohio State University supports the implementation of measures that reduce and/or prevent the collisions of migratory birds into buildings around campus, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that USG suggests that birdfeeders be placed around buildings with large windows to redirect migratory paths, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that USG suggests that Ohio State students minimize their light usage and close their blinds during nighttime or times of darkness.

Floor Vote: Passed.

¹ <http://ohiobirds.org/bird-conservation/bird-conservation-in-ohio/>

² http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/bird_safe_windows.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/

³ http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/campus/focus_areas/migratorybirdssoar/

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Date Adopted: 1/25/17

Date Terminated: _____

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