

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

March 2, 2015

Concerning the elimination of off-campus housing.

(PROPOSED) RESOLUTION

Introduced – Conor Craven ‘18

WHEREAS on February 11, 2015, Ashley Place, Assistant Director of Residential Life, informed the student body in an email that “the College will no longer offer the option of living off-campus;” and

WHEREAS current students decided to attend Hamilton College with the understanding that they would have the opportunity to live off-campus their senior year; and

WHEREAS the college has broken a social agreement with said students as a result of this decision; and

WHEREAS breaching this social contract is setting a dangerous precedent that opportunities which prospective students believe to be afforded to them at Hamilton College may be eliminated before their graduation; and

WHEREAS, while recognizing the administration’s right to make decisions it believes are in the best interests of the institution, such changes should be executed in a way that properly informs all students of the circumstances under which they will be attending Hamilton College. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Central Council of the Student Assembly:

1. Denounces the elimination of off-campus housing as long as currently enrolled students chose to attend the school with the understanding that they would be able to reside off-campus their senior year; and
2. Clarifies that neither the Student Assembly nor this resolution demand the indefinite reinstatement of off-campus housing but rather that said students have these rights and opportunities restored to them for the remainder of their enrollment at Hamilton College; and
3. Urges that said students be “grandfathered” in any effort to move all student housing on-campus; and
4. Believes that this restoration of rights should be afforded to all students expected to graduate in or before May 2018.

Did not come to a vote. Tabled. To be reconsidered next week with altered language.