GPSC PACSA: Community Housing Subcommittee Resolution I-2013

Topic: “Duke HDRL Community Housing Program Coordinator Position”

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the struggle of graduate and professional students to find safe and affordable housing near Duke’s campus,

Taking into consideration that a valuable full-time position dedicated to graduate student housing issues was eliminated during the financial crisis,

Recognizing that the University’s endowment has since recovered and Duke’s financial position is once again stable,

Recognizing that Duke’s peer institutions have resources available for this issue and that Duke should have them too,

1. URGES the administration of Duke University to create once again a full-time, exempt position of “Program Coordinator” that will be responsible for managing Duke Community Housing;

2. CALLS UPON the GPSC Community Housing subcommittee to work with this position to update the Housing Website and conduct the Apartment/Neighborhood reports, which have not been updated since 2009, in a more timely fashion; and

3. ENCOURAGES the GPSC Community Housing subcommittee and Program Coordinator to build relationships with local landlords and the City of Durham to advocate for safe, affordable housing that is suitable to graduate students.