**Motion for The Religious Studies Undergraduate Society (RSUS) to Select the 2019-2020 Executive Independently**

**WHEREAS,** interest in student government remains low among religious studies students;

**WHEREAS,** few students have expressed interest in joining RSUS;

**WHEREAS,** an executive election is likely to have extremely low turnout;

**WHEREAS,** section 10.1.1 of the RSUS constitution directs RSUS to request to select its executive via interview process if necessary (SEE APPENDIX 1);

**WHEREAS,** section 8.2.2 of the AUS constitution allows departmental associations to request exemption from holding executive elections (SEE APPENDIX 2);

**WHEREAS,** RSUS has received an exemption from holding elections for the past three years;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the RSUS be exempt from holding elections through Elections AUS to select its 2019-2020 executive.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the current RSUS executive select the 2019-2020 executive team via an interview process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that RSUS post the available positions on the RSUS Facebook page at least two weeks before selecting its new executive, as directed in section 10.4 of the RSUS constitution (SEE APPENDIX 3).

Moved by,

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**APPENDIX 1: RSUS Constitution Section 10.1.1**

“10.1.1 In the event in which elections aren’t the logical mode of selecting the next year’s RSUS members, RSUS must make a formal request in order to hold interviews through the AUS. Applicable reasons for interviews over Departmental Elections include: having a small department, having small voter turnouts in previous elections, not enough money in the budget to justify an election”

**APPENDIX 2: AUS Constitution Section 8.2.2**

“8.2.2 Council may grant a waiver of an annual electoral process for a specific departmental

association, by a two-thirds vote.”

**APPENDIX 3: RSUS Constitution Section 10.4**

“10.4 Advertising for nominations must be posted at least two weeks before the planned election.”