

**Student Government Resolution 091.013**  
**A Resolution to Provide Residence Hall Options for Students During Week-Long Breaks**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- As of fall 2008, Truman State University has a total of 297 International Students from 46 different countries; and
- As a tradition the University will close all of the Residence Halls during the week-long Midterm Break in the spring of 2009, and for the first time, the week-long Thanksgiving Break in the fall of 2009;
- This presents a problem of accommodation for International Students because distance and financial constraints prevent them from returning to their homes for the week-long breaks; and
- This presents a similar problem of accommodation to Truman students who live out of state and so cannot return to their homes for the week-long breaks; and
- Of the options for these students, one is to stay in a hotel, lodge, inn, or other holiday home, which can be costly, presenting logistical problems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Residence Life Office provide on-campus housing options for residents during the week-long residents' times of closure; and
- The Student Government will collaborate with the Residence Life Office, the Residence Hall Association, and International Student Affairs Office to address the concerns stated above to find on-campus housing during the week-long residents halls' times of closure.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of the resolution be disseminated to the members of the Board of Governors; University President Dr. Darrell W. Krueger; Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Assistant Director for International Education Melanee Crist, Residence Life Director Andrea O'Brien, the Residence Hall Association, and the Truman Media Network.

**Passed February 8, 2009**  
**By a Vote of 7 – 0 – 2**

**Anna Elizabeth Esfeld**  
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