RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A ROCK CLIMBING FACILITY
RESOLUTION 23
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WHEREAS, rock climbing improves both physical and mental health, as it uses every major muscle group, relieves stress, and allows students to practice and improve skills including but not limited to: decision making, visualization, problem solving, and goal setting; and

WHEREAS, the IMPACT petition that was created received 258 signatures, exceeding the 250 signature requirement designated by the Students’ Association Government in order to take action; and

WHEREAS, a rock climbing facility would improve the University of Rochester community through creating the space for the UR Rock Climbing Club to commit to a more routine training schedule so that it can become a genuine team and participate in local, regional, and national competitions; and

WHEREAS, the University of Rochester would benefit from the UR Rock Climbing Club using its funds towards the University of Rochester instead of the Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, a rock climbing facility would improve the University of Rochester community as it could be rented out to other student groups and campus organizations for social events, fundraisers (i.e. climb-a-thons), and team bonding/building events; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for students to climb are limited by the fact that in the State of New York there are only seven rock climbing gyms outside of New York City and its directly surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, there are already students willing to be trained to staff this facility.

2 http://www.indiana.edu/~engs/rbook/stress.html
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student's Association Senate sees the benefit in building a rock climbing facility on the University of Rochester campus; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Students' Association Senate supports the further exploration of the feasibility of a rock climbing facility and suggests that the Executive Branch spearhead this initiative.

Eudora Erickson  
Speaker, Students' Association Senate

Antoinette Esce  
President, Students' Association

SENATE VOTE TOTALS:  
Yes: 116 No: 1 Abs: 1 Date: 4/13/15