Re-Evaluating Snow Day Protocol
Senate Resolution No. 30

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WHEREAS, an estimated 11 to 16 inches of snow accumulated in the City of Rochester as of 3:00 PM on Tuesday, February 16\(^1\); and,

WHEREAS, the large amount of snow resulted in unsafe transportation conditions for students, faculty, and staff that live off-campus; and,

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WHEREAS, walkways, stairs, and ADA ramps on the University of Rochester campus remained inaccessible until the late afternoon; and,

WHEREAS, many major roads and services in Rochester and at the University of Rochester were closed due to the inclement weather, including transportation for students living off-campus; and,

WHEREAS, many other local colleges and universities, such as Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College, and Nazareth College, were closed due to the weather, as well as the University of Rochester Simon Business School and the University of Rochester School of Nursing; and,

WHEREAS, Monroe County issued a travel advisory at approximately 9:30am on February 16, warning residents to avoid any unnecessary driving, New York State Police closed Route 490 and all Monroe County facilities were closed as of 12:00pm; and,

WHEREAS, many, but not all, professors chose to cancel class on Tuesday, February 16, to avoid dangerous travel conditions; and,

WHEREAS, when sidewalks and roads are not sufficiently cleared it becomes impossible for students with disabilities or injuries to attend classes safely, compromising the University’s commitment to inclusiveness as outlined in its Communal Principles; and,

WHEREAS, an IMPACT petition encouraging the implementation of a policy for classes to be cancelled due to inclement weather, also known as “Snow Days,” reached over 300 signatures within one hour of its submission, and over 750 signatures within two days,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Students’ Association Senate advocates for the re-evaluation of the University of Rochester inclement weather closure policy to provide a detailed protocol by which cancelling all classes due to inclement weather is established; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Students’ Association Senate directs the Executive Branch of the Students’ Association Government to advocate for the re-evaluation of such policies to the proper administrators and report back to the Senate on all progress.

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Senate Votes: Yes: 13 No: 0 Abs: 0 Date: 02/22/2016