



Resolution # 10

**The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA)
of the 2008 - 2009 Session**
[October 15th, 2008]

*Be it Enacted by the Association, having been considered by the
Committee on Facilities, a*

RESOLUTION
Protection of University Student Legacy and Monuments
(Decided: [23/0/1])

Nature of the Problem:

The students of the University, for over a century, have honored their own class and the University itself by providing, for future members of the University community, lasting improvements to the campus. Notable visual representations of school spirit and the legacy of students past must be honored by every member of the University community. Exceptionally lasting gifts, such as the well-known benches from the Class of 1900, deserve a special respect because they dually serve as a representation of the generosity of a class and the history of The Pennsylvania State University. In the end of September 2008, a cooperative plan between the Office of Annual Giving and the Office of Physical Plant **removed** the benches from the Class of 1900, without a student opinion or appropriately publicized advance notice. This is unacceptable for a university that intends to honor its history and alumni. The reason cited for this was that the benches were in general disrepair.

In correspondence with the leadership of the Office of Annual Giving, we have ascertained that they are welcome and receptive to the idea of student input in matters regarding the significant alteration of class gifts. Whereas with the benches there was very little student input, we can in the future avoid these situations by working together with the Office of Annual Giving.

Recommended Course of Action:

Before the movement, removal, or alteration outside of normal upkeep of a class gift for any reason, including but not limited to spatial concerns, structural integrity, or safety, the Pennsylvania State University and its Office of Annual Giving, which is responsible for class gifts, must present the plan of action to and consult the representatives of the student body, the University Park Undergraduate Association. **When the UPUA is in recess, or, when extreme and immediate safety concerns arise regarding a class gift, the OAG should**

1 **take action and then report to the UPUA the actions taken.** In addition to this courtesy
2 to the students and University community, the Office of Annual Giving must provide for an
3 appropriate way to commemorate the class gift so that a lasting memory of the past classes
4 persists materially for students in perpetuity. **We also recommend that the University's**
5 **Office of Annual Giving put in place a policy to make its renovation or removal of class**
6 **gifts on campus public and also attempt to publicize the plan in an appropriate**
7 **medium to reach the undergraduate population with a press release to the Daily**
8 **Collegian and PSU Newswire.** More generally, **fiscally responsible attempts** should be
9 made to preserve class gifts in their entirety and should be repaired, when possible, and
10 not **removed** from campus unless all other options have been exhausted.

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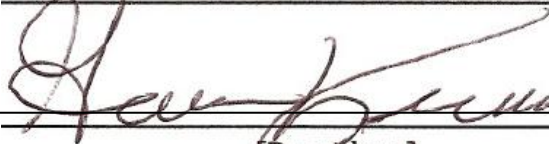
Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Vote: 5/0/0
Chair:

Signature of the Assembly





Affirm Veto

[President]

Veto

The University Park Undergraduate Association