

1 **Resolution Number:** 405-2025

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3 **Title:** Transparency in the Review Process of Resolutions by the Board of Trustees and  
4 Reference Committees

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6 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Professional Issues and Governance

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8 **Sponsor(s):** Adam Yang, Alternate Delegate, Harvard

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10 **Financial Impact:** None

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12 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board respects the author’s suggestions to modify the  
13 governance process to show vote tallies for Board of Trustees and reference committee  
14 members. The Board appreciates efforts that may foster transparency and accountability.  
15 Therefore, the Board recommends a yes vote.

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17 **Reference Committee Comments:**

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19 **Background:** The Board of Trustees and Reference Committees review resolutions and provide  
20 valuable recommendations. However, there is limited transparency regarding the specific  
21 content of their discussions or how they arrived at their recommendations. As a result,  
22 delegates only see the final recommendation—"yes" or "no"—without any further  
23 information in writing about the vote tally or whether the recommendation was unanimous or  
24 narrowly passed. This lack of transparency leaves delegates unaware of the full context  
25 behind the recommendations, which could impact the way resolutions are considered during  
26 House of Delegates sessions.

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28 All delegates should be fully informed. Therefore, in the interest of transparency and  
29 accountability, it is essential that the Board of Trustees and Reference Committees disclose not  
30 only their recommendations but also the results of their votes and other relevant  
31 considerations. This will allow the House of Delegates to have a clearer understanding of the  
32 process behind each resolution and foster greater trust in the decision-making process;  
33 therefore, be it

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## RESOLUTION

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37 **Resolved,** that the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates be amended to require that the  
38 Board of Trustees and Reference Committees disclose the following information in the “Board  
39 of Trustees Comments” and “Reference Committee Comments” sections of resolutions for each  
40 resolution reviewed:

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- 42 A. The final recommendation for the resolution (i.e., "Yes" or "No")
- 43 B. The tallies of the final vote (i.e., the number of votes for and against, abstain)
- 44 C. A summary of the key considerations and any points of disagreement among the Board  
45 or Reference Committee members in the event of a narrow or contentious vote

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47 And be it further;

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49 **Resolved**, that this change aims to provide the House of Delegates with greater insight into the  
50 review process and ensure that the decision-making behind resolutions is transparent and  
51 accessible to all delegates.

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53 **Action:**