Dear Kathy Chesney,

On behalf of the Student Senate of the University to New Hampshire I present to you a resolution passed unanimously requesting that the Student Senate work with University of New Hampshire Housing to “transition all dormitories over the next seven years to the latest combination technology.” The Student Senate believes that combination locks are most efficient and do not allow students the opportunity to misplace or lose their keys. Additionally, the Student Senate believes that there are certainly dorms that should be prioritized in this process due to their distance from University of New Hampshire Housing and the University of New Hampshire Police Department.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution – 7 Combination Locks at UNH Dormitories

Introduced by: Student Body President, Cameron Cook, Student Body Vice-President, Ryan Grogan, Campus Structure Chairperson, Zachary Dumont

Date: November 1st, 2015

Whereas, University of New Hampshire Housing has historically had in its dormitories doors that have locks that can only be opened by specific keys made by Housing, and

Whereas, there still are many dorms; including but not limited to the SERCs, Fairchild, Jessie Doe, Lord, Congreve, the Mills, and Babcock Halls, using either completely or mostly keys for entrance into dorm rooms, and

Whereas, keys are not the most up-to-date technology compared to the new combination locks being built into doors in the residence halls, and

Whereas, keys cost residents 65 dollars to replace and 25 dollars to have a UNH Police Officer open your room after the first “lock-out”, and

Whereas, there are many students annually who have to have their keys replaced, including during the summer session, and

Whereas, this adds up to costs to UNH Housing, and

Whereas, while there are a few downsides to combination locks, including the fact that some students take a long time to memorize the combinations and that a combination is easier to give away than a key, and

Whereas, the upside to combination locks is that changing one is much easier than changing a key lock if a key is misplaced, and

Whereas, transitioning to combination locks would take time and resources to complete, including Housing, UNH Police Department, and students conferring on priorities of updating locking mechanisms since this cannot be done wholesale but it is part of UNH Housing’s plan to make student housing more technologically advanced, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to work with UNH Housing to transition all dormitories over the next seven years to the latest combination technology as efficiently as possible, and

Be it further resolved to ask that the two priority dorms for the 2016-17 academic year be Jessie Doe Hall, because of distance from the Housing Office and UNHPD, and Williamson Hall, in order to start transitioning the incoming students away from keys.

Senate Action: Passes Unanimously
Speaker Verification: Gabriel Hoffman