RESOLUTION

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Sponsored: Senator Goodrich

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Resolution Concerning Funding of Addition Police Patrols

WHEREAS, the University of Vermont has agreed to begin a pilot program with the Burlington Police Department to assign six extra officers for neighborhood patrols starting in April, 2012,

WHEREAS, the primary focus of the program will be to address noise complaints and quality of life issues,

WHEREAS, approximately $35,000 will be given to the Burlington Police Department to support these additional officers,

WHEREAS, the $35,000 would be coming directly out of the University of Vermont general fund, which is primarily funded by undergraduate student tuition,

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association understands that the safety and wellbeing of students is paramount,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association supports the University’s effort to be an active partner in the community surrounding student-neighborhood relations, however the Student Government Association believes that this program will be an ineffective use of student funds,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association encourages the administration and the Burlington Police Department to explore alternative possibilities including student input that would provide and promote a healthier relationship between University of Vermont students and the Burlington police officers,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association encourages the University to provide resources to programs building on community relations and restorative justice programs as an alternative to the pilot program.