RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB3932, A BILL WHICH WOULD APPLY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS TO PRIVATE CAMPUS POLICE FORCES
March 5, 2015

WHEREAS, the University of Chicago Police Department (UCPD) has police powers similar to those of the Chicago Police Department (CPD); and,

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requires public police forces such as the CPD to make public certain information; and,

WHEREAS, the UCPD does not make this same information publicly available; and,

WHEREAS, State Representatives Barbara Flynn Currie and Christian Mitchell have introduced a bill in the Illinois General Assembly, HB3932, which would apply FOIA disclosure requirements to private campus police forces; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Government of the University of Chicago exists to further the interests and promote the welfare of the Student Association; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Student Association and community at-large to have a transparent and publicly accountable police force; and,

WHEREAS, in the past this body has supported efforts by the Campaign for Equitable Policing to get the UCPD to, among other things, make public the same information as public police forces do; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Chicago, assembled on this day the fifth of March do hereby support HB3932 and call on the University to increase the transparency of the UCPD.

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