

STAFF SENATE RESOLUTION #236

Title: Resolution Regarding Sexual Violence on UW Campus

Date: February 21, 2019

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Sponsors: Senators Keto and Smoot

1 WHEREAS sexual violence has no place at the University of Wyoming, and;
2 WHEREAS, multiple surveys document high rates of sexual violence including rape on college campuses
3 throughout the United States, and;
4 WHEREAS, a survey of 2,468 UW students in 2018¹ found that:
5 • The rates for completed or attempted rape were 24% for females and 8% for males
6 • 286 (15%) of students experiences completed oral, anal, or vaginal rape
7 • 29% of female seniors experiences serious sexual assault²
8 • 10% of male seniors experienced serious sexual assault
9 • 44% of gender-nonconforming seniors experienced serious sexual assault, and;
10 WHEREAS, approximately 40 sexual assault survivors present to UW's mental health clinics for sexual assault-
11 related difficulties, resulting in a treatment waitlist by the middle of fall semester, and;
12 WHEREAS, such violence impacts students' mental and physical health, their grades and has a negative impact
13 on recruitment and retention rates, and;
14 WHEREAS, prevention programs reduce rates of sexual violence among college students,³ and;
15 WHEREAS, sexually assaulted students merit access to prompt, compassionate and consistent professional
16 psychological support, and;
17 WHEREAS, the 5-year plan (2018 – 2023) of UW's No More initiative recommends multiple preventative and
18 treatment approaches of known effectiveness,⁴ and;
19 WHEREAS, only a limited number of funding streams to support the 5-year plan have been identified;
20 THEREFORE, be it resolved that UW Staff Senate requests that UW's upper administration consider how best to
21 support key aspects of the No More plan, which is estimated to cost \$275K annually, and that the administration
22 explore multiple in-house sources of support, including but not limited to, central reserves, Trustee reserve
23 accounts, and a formal ASUW recommendation to earmark tuition and fee income.

¹ Campus Climate Survey Outcomes – PowerPoint survey; 2018; Dr. Matt Gray and colleagues.

² Serious sexual assault includes nonconsensual attempted or completed oral, anal and vaginal sex; it excludes sexual touching.

³ Gray, M., Hassija, C. & Steinmetz, S. (in press). Sexual Assault Prevention on College Campuses. Routledge/Taylor and Francis.

⁴ Five Year Strategic Plan (2018 – 23) of University of Wyoming No More Committee.

Date of Passage: April 3, 2019

"Being enacted on April 23, 2019, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action." Tina Renee Ballard

Staff Senate President, T. Renee Ballard