RESOLUTION REGARDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON UW CAMPUS

WHEREAS, sexual violence has no place at the University of Wyoming;

AND WHEREAS, multiple surveys document high rates of sexual violence including rape on college campuses throughout the United States;

AND WHEREAS, a survey of 2,468 UW students in 2018\(^1\) found that

- The rates for completed or attempted rape were 24% for females and 8% for males.
- 286 (15%) students experienced completed oral, anal, or vaginal rape.
- 29% of female seniors experienced **serious** sexual assault.\(^2\)
- 10% of male seniors experienced serious sexual assault.
- 44% of gender-nonconforming seniors experienced serious sexual assault.

AND WHEREAS, approximately 40 sexual assault survivors present to UW’s mental health clinics for sexual assault-related difficulties, resulting in a treatment waitlist by the middle of the fall semester;

AND WHEREAS, such violence impacts students’ mental and physical health, their grades and retention rates, and UW’s reputation;

AND WHEREAS, prevention programs reduce rates of sexual violence among college students\(^3\);

AND WHEREAS, sexually assaulted students merit access to prompt, compassionate and consistent professional psychological support\(^4\);

AND WHEREAS, the 5-year plan (2018 – 2023) of UW’s No More initiative recommends multiple preventative and treatment approaches of known effectiveness\(^5\);

AND WHEREAS, only a limited number of funding streams exist to support the 5-year plan; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Faculty Senate requests that UW’s upper administration considers how best to support key aspects of the No More plan, which is estimated to cost $275K annually;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the administration explore multiple in-house sources of support, including but not limited to central reserves, Trustee reserve accounts, and a formal ASUW recommendation to earmark tuition and fee income;

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