STAFF SENATE RESOLUTION #236

Title: Resolution Regarding Sexual Violence on UW Campus
Date: February 21, 2019
Author: Senator Ballard
Sponsors: Senators Keto and Smoot

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%) of students experiences completed oral, anal, or vaginal rape
- 29% of female seniors experiences 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 fall semester, and;
WHEREAS, such violence impacts students’ mental and physical health, their grades and has a negative impact on recruitment and retention rates, 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, and;
WHEREAS, the 5-year plan (2018 – 2023) of UW’s No More initiative recommends multiple preventative and treatment approaches of known effectiveness,\(^4\) and;
WHEREAS, only a limited number of funding streams to support the 5-year plan have been identified;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that UW Staff Senate requests that UW’s upper administration consider how best to support key aspects of the No More plan, which is estimated to cost $275K annually, and 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.
Date of Passage: April 3, 2019

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

Staff Senate President, T. Renee Ballard