STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-1040

TITLE: Resolution Commending the Dean of Students Office and Division of Student Affairs for the Development of a Sexual Violence Online Education Course

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SPONSOR(S): Senate President Davis Bean, Senate President Pro-Tempore Leah Miller, Rules and Ethics Chairwoman Maddie McClinton, Judiciary Chairman Jason Richards, Senator Carter Fish, Senator Kylie Werk, Senator Ben Weiner, Senator Austin Champoux, Senator Carter Long

WHEREAS, according to a 2007 Campus Sexual Assault study by the U.S. Department of Justice, one in five college females and one in sixteen college males may be the victim of attempted or completed sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, the prevalence of recent sexual assault attempts on the University of Florida’s campus and surrounding residential areas has garnered the attention of the Dean of Students Offices, the Division of Student Affairs, and many current and incoming students; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida seeks to be a model university in regards to how our faculty, staff, and students respond to cases of sexual violence; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Dean of Students Office implemented a mandatory interactive online training course called “Think About It” for all incoming students, starting the 2015 Summer B term; and,

WHEREAS, the “Think About It” program covers topics, such as sex in college, healthy relationships, partying smart, sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment, consent, campus specific resources available to victims, university and state policies, bystander education, alcohol and drug abuse, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, by showing our support of the Dean of Students Office and Division of Student Affairs actions, Student Government confirms its commitment to all students’ safety; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commends the Dean of Students Office and Division of Student Affairs for the development and implementation of the “Think About It” interactive course for all incoming students; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commends the Dean of Students Office and Division of Student Affairs for their commitment to providing an educational institution that is safe for all students and free from any type of violence, thereby promoting an environment that is conducive to academic success.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Chris Loschiavo, Associate Dean and Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution; and Dr. Jen Day Shaw, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students.

1 https://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/first-year-experience/campus-clarity-think-about-it-module/