Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support

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Legislation

Motion:

Section I

1.1 WHEREAS, Sexual violence and sexual harassment at universities are part of a national problem and that these problems are also present at the University of Oregon; and

1.2 WHEREAS the UO must take measures to address the problem of sexual violence and the needs of survivors of sexual violence, on and off our campus research identifies the sexual violence as extensive at the UO; and

1.3 WHEREAS the University provides inadequate support to address the scope of the problem or the needs for survivors of sexual violence on the campus; and

1.34 WHEREAS many questions remain unanswered with the alleged sexual assault rape of a female UO undergraduate by three UO basketball players on March 8-9, and the University’s response to that the incident; and

1.45 WHEREAS the UO’s Student Conduct Code requires sustained and focused attention by students, the University Senate, and the University President as it relates to this matter, and that revisions to this code must be done through the UO Senate; and

1.56 WHEREAS the University’s financial commitment to ending sexual violence and supporting survivors of sexual assault at the UO remains unspecified and without needed transparency; and

1.6 WHEREAS the University Senate acknowledges the lack of transparency regarding recent cases of sexual assault, and the lack of a university-wide initiative to fully engage all of the university community in efforts to reduce sexual violence on campus and off campus, and the limited support that has been provided to survivors of sexual violence, and acknowledges its obligation to address these problems;

Section II:

2.1 BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the University Senate acknowledges the lack of transparency regarding recent cases of sexual assault, the lack of a broadly participatory initiative involving all facets of University governance to fully engage the incidence of sexual violence on this campus, and the limited support for survivors of sexual violence; and
2.12 BE IT HEREBY FURTHER MOVED that a Task Force to End Sexual Violence and Support Survivors is formed to study the strengths and limitations of the university's response to recent incidents of sexual violence, and based on those assessments, to initiate sustained, proactive changes aimed at ending sexual violence and supporting survivors of sexual violence; and

2.23 BE IT FURTHER MOVED that this Task Force is formed no later than June 6, 2014, consisting of no fewer than two elected members of the University Senate, two other members of Senate constituencies, two additional nominees recommended by the UO-CESV, two students, and a member of the University of A administration, all to be appointed by the Senate President, and that the meetings of this task force shall be open to the university community except as required by privacy laws; and

2.34 AND BE IT FURTHER MOVED that this Task Force shall work with the University Board of Trustees, the ASUO, the University President and administration, and the Senate's constituencies to present a report on initial findings, and initial recommendations for action, and a request for resources from the University President at the second Senate meeting of Fall 2014. [Note: Is this timeframe realistic?]