

Resolution 2016-1:  
Re: Sexual Assault Awareness Education Resolution

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Sponsoring Senator: Danielle Priore, Student Life Committee Chair  
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**WHEREAS**, the Federal Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act requires colleges to provide “Education programs to promote the awareness of sex offenses and other intimate partner violence...” which shall include—“primary prevention and awareness programming for all incoming students and new employees” and “ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns to students and faculty;”

**WHEREAS**, the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego supports the need and intention of such educational programming to stop and prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the need and intention to alert students of this violence;

**WHEREAS**, the University of San Diego introduced and implemented a required online training, named “Think About It,” distributed by the Title IX Coordinator of the University to comply with the educational requirements of the SaVE Act, and that failure to complete the training by a certain date would result in a \$250 noncompliance fee;

**WHEREAS**, the Student Senate of the Associated Students functions as the primary undergraduate student voice of the University of San Diego;

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students believes that financial consequences had a negative effect on the perception of the training, which hinders the desired effect of the training, and are aware of the financial burden this would place on students;

**WHEREAS**, there was no transparency or accountability for the use of the collected non-compliance fees;

**WHEREAS**, the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego bears in mind its responsibility to the undergraduate population, and believes that a non-financial consequence for failure to complete the training, such as a hold or delay in class registration, would be more effective;



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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego calls for their voice to determine the consequences for students who do not complete the Title IX training in the future, and the reduction of all collected non-compliance fees;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego calls for knowledge of where the current collected fees have gone;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego accepts consideration to keep the collected fees in order to help create awareness, explore other modes of communication to alert students of non-compliance deadline, and include collaboration with the study abroad office to raise awareness to those students abroad;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be delivered for comment and action from Carmen Vazquez, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Cynthia Avery, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Melissa Halter, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and Dr. Nicki Schuessler, Director of Title IX and Equal Employment Opportunity.



Dylan Jones, Associated Students Senator



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