



**Resolution: Trigger Warnings Implemented in Emails at the University of San Diego**

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**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students of the University of San Diego is committed to the academic excellence of the undergraduate population at the University of San Diego as stated in the university's core value of recruiting and developing programs supporting the University's mission of advancing academic excellence, expanding liberal and professional knowledge, creating a diverse and inclusive community, and preparing leaders who are dedicated to ethical conduct and compassionate service;

**WHEREAS**, Students are often triggered by different experiences, whereupon certain topics can negatively impact their academic and personal wellbeing at the University of San Diego.

**WHEREAS**, Students are affected daily by their own personal experiences and deserve prior warning of topics that could be triggering; therefore, negatively impacting their ability to focus in the classroom and be successful students.

**WHEREAS**, Creating a trigger warning including available resources on campus into email formats can be implemented into emails including but not limited to, death of a student, hate crimes, violence, sexual assault, etc.

**WHEREAS**, Trigger warnings can exist in various forms at the discretion of the author including a brief disclaimer preceding sensitive content.

**WHEREAS**, Other universities such as the University of Michigan have taken into account students are triggered daily by conversations both inside and out of the classroom and without prior warning from their professors.

**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 students deserve to have peace of mind that they will be warned before opening possibly triggering content that could cause unprecedented emotional reactions.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego calls for the implementation of trigger warnings in emails that are sent out in mass to the student body which may include such sensitive content as the aforementioned examples.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Associated Students will work with the Wellness departments,

University Communications as well as the Executive Council in developing plans to create more consistent content warnings so students are better prepared for content that may trigger a reaction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be delivered to the following individuals for comment and action: Dr. James Harris, President of the University of San Diego; Dr. Gail Baker, Vice President for Academics and Provost; Carmen Vasquez, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Thomas Herrinton, Vice Provost; Dr. Cynthia Avery, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Donald Godwin, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Peter Marlow, Associate Vice President, University Communications.

***Marion Chavarria Rivera, Senator, Manchester Village***

***Wendy Martinez, Senator, College of Arts & Sciences***

***Alexander Plummer, Speaker of the Senate***

***Natasha Salgado, Associated Students President***