



RESOLUTION No. 2015-16-8

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL  
ACTION SCHEDULED: April 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of No Student Mandated Reporters Except Those Explicitly Stated in Title IX

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students (A.S.) Council of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 8,600 students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mission of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University serves to "assist in the protection of rights and interests of the individual student and the student body," and to "stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community"; and,

**WHEREAS**, as Student Advocates Associated Students Shall: be vocal on issues that protect and increase student rights; create opportunities to increase the student perspective in the University decision making process; actively seek institutional changes that serve to enhance the student environment; and uphold and protect the integrity of the student body association

**WHEREAS**, Title IX under the Civil Rights Office Department of Education explicitly delegates duties of a "responsible employee" to a slim few student positions.

**WHEREAS**, in the Department of Education 2014 document "Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence" the Department of Education clearly provides campuses the ability to radically limit the number of student employees who are designated "responsible employees".

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of mandated reporting has been traumatizing for students who are designated as "responsible employees," some of whom are survivors themselves, forced to share their comrades' stories and breach that trust that they once shared.

**WHEREAS**, survivors are put into situations where their stories are told, in many cases, without consent. This is traumatizing for survivors and disturbing for allies who are having to report and break trust.

**WHEREAS**, those students to which are historically marginalized ie the intersections in identities of queer students, trans\* students, students of color, international students, undocumented students are put into situations of breached trust in spaces that are claiming "safer".

**WHEREAS**, many of those "safer" spaces are campus cultural centers and/or other campus resources for students of marginalized communities in which have student staff that are being obligated to positions of "responsible employees" under Title IX.

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of mandated reporters to all student employees is creating a climate where survivors are afraid to seek out support and less people are likely to report. Therefore we are left with, again, the silence we continually claim to fight against.

**WHEREAS**, for each survivor it should always be that person's choice in who they disclose to. Our energy should be going into providing accessible information and resources for survivors within structures of consent.

**WHEREAS**, core dialogues in prevention and survivor centered responses need to occur, not the perpetuation of fear, anxiety, and silence through over designation of “responsible employees”.

**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of HSU advocate for an interpretation of Title IX that will result in an increased safety on campus rather than a culture of silence which will protect perpetrators and harm survivors.

**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of HSU demands that the CSU cease the implementation of all student employees as mandated reporters and only obligate those explicitly stated in Title IX as “responsible employees”

**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of HSU demands the implementation of rigorous training to those few that are mandated reporters, and only to those explicitly stated as ‘responsible employee’, so as to insure appropriate responses, knowledge, and resources they can provide the student that is survivor centered.

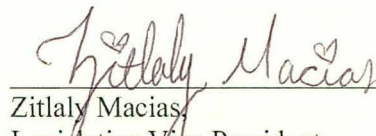
**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of HSU demands that all CSU campuses go forth and create accessible and transparent resources for survivors to be able to talk to people on campus without fear of being reported or shared with anyone beyond their consent.

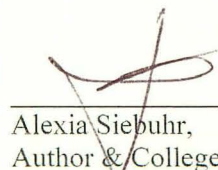
**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of HSU demands that all CSU campuses create and support movements of education for student rights and options when sexually assaulted.

**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of HSU recognize and support the current Title IX campaign on Humboldt State University.

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution will be sent to, but not limited to University Center Board of Directors, Chancellor of the California State University Timothy White, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Lori Lamb, CSU Title IX Compliance Officer Pamela Thomason, President of HSU Lisa Rossbacher, Student Affairs Vice President Peg Blake, HSU’s Dean of Students Randi Darnall Burke, HSU Campus Title IX Coordinator Colleen Mullery, Health Education Assistant Mary Sue Savage, Health Education Supervisor Mira Friedman, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee members, HSU’s Director of Housing and Residence Steve St. Onge, The Associated Students of all CSU campuses, Campus and Local Media.

  
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