



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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SA1516-011: Resolution to Establish a Joint Student Governance Committee on Sexual Violence between the Residence Hall Association Council and the UW-L Student Association

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WHEREAS; sexual assault/violence is a campus wide issue and is currently being pursued by both RHAC and the Student Association,

WHEREAS; the Sexual Assault Task Force would like to be a part of both student governance bodies while continuing to work on finding new pathways to prevent sexual violence, effectively raising awareness of the issue on campus, and empowering the students of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to be a part of the solution and the conversation,

WHEREAS; the name Sexual Assault Task Force by definition implies that the organization is a temporary measure to combat the problem of sexual assault on the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse campus,

WHEREAS; the Sexual Assault Task Force would like to change their name to better encompass their mission and broaden their efforts to include more than specifically sexual assault and make it known that combating sexual violence on campus will require more than a temporary focus and more than the focus of one governance body,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse approves the formation of a joint committee between the Student Association and RHAC to unify their dedication and efforts on the issue of sexual violence, hereafter called the Joint Sexual Violence Action Committee,


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the membership of this committee will consist of at least 2 Student Association members to be appointed by the Student Association Vice President, 2 RHAC members to be appointed by the RHAC Vice President of University Affairs, 4 at large members who are interested in the prevention of sexual violence to be appointed by the chair or co-chairs of the committee, 1 faculty member to be appointed by the chair or co-chairs if they wish to.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the mission and purpose of the Joint Sexual Violence Action Committee is to find pathways to better equip the UW-L campus to deal with issues pertaining to sexual violence. The goal of the committee is to educate, bring awareness, and take visible action to combat the presence of sexual violence on

campus. Some of the ways the committee will accomplish this is through policy changes, fundraisers, programs, and any other outlet that will be beneficial to the fight against sexual violence.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; this committee will develop a comprehensive report, detailing the ways in which the goal of better safety and awareness can be accomplished, and will share this report with the appropriate members of UW-L administration as a recommendation for improvement.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; the Joint Sexual Violence Action Committee will take the place of the current Sexual Assault Task Force and upon passage of this resolution, the task force shall be resolved in favor of the joint committee.


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