S2018-R4 - Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Syllabi Language

WHEREAS, the Texas state legislature does not have a sexual assault prevention and awareness statement in syllabi.

WHEREAS, a 2017 NT Daily survey of 291 UNT students found more than half (51.2%) believe sexual assault to be a significant problem at the university.

WHEREAS, 13.6% of the Respondents report having been a victim of sexual violence, and 18% of all females in the 2017 UNT assessment of sexual assault survey.

WHEREAS, every student is enrolled in a class, which means every student interacts with a faculty member and in turn, every student has a syllabus.

WHEREAS, the syllabi language has been put in the Course Syllabi Policy 06.049, will be added to the Teaching Excellence Handbook and also discussed during new faculty training.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the following language be added to course syllabi:
“UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT’s Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim’s compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565-2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at oeo@unt.edu or at (940) 565 2759.”

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of R4 be sent to the University President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Graduate Student Council, Title IX Coordinator, Dean of Students and Survivor Advocate.
Respectfully Submitted,
Barrett Cole
President

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

[Signatures]

Date

President of the Student Government Association

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date