GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION
Integration of the Seawolf Commitment

Whereas It is the mission of the Associated Students to enrich the lives of the students of Sonoma State University by promoting student interests through advocacy and representation; and

Whereas The Associated Students of Sonoma State University is the official voice of over 9,000 students that attend the institution; and

Whereas previous conversations around campus inclusivity led to the creation of the bias response protocol and team as requested/initiated by AS Resolution "Creating of Bias Response Protocol" from 2012-2013 which called for Sonoma State University to create a community that is inclusive and safe for all to live and learn; and

Whereas the bias response protocol and team serves as resources for students who face incidents of bias on campus and works to provide awareness and education of appropriate response mechanisms; and

Whereas the Seawolf Commitment is a student-led, campus-focused pledge aimed at creating an inclusive and ethical environment; and

Whereas the Seawolf Commitment identifies integrity, excellence, respect and responsibility as its core values as...

"Integrity: I will conduct myself with integrity in my dealings with students, staff and faculty. Excellence: I will strive for excellence in my academic work and relationships. Respect: I will respect the rights and dignity of others. Responsibility: I will accept the responsibility to conduct myself as an ethical member of my community."; and

Whereas Sonoma State University has identified various grounds for student discipline in the Title V, Standards for Student Conduct and defined disruptive student behavior and subsequent response measures in the Disruptive Student Behavior policy; and

Whereas both aforementioned policies set guidelines against certain behaviors but does not identify or encourage positive student standards and values; and
Whereas various college campuses have student honor codes that identifies their fundamental values and principles in academic and non-academic endeavors and sets standards for conducting themselves in their best capacity.

Therefore let it hereby be resolved that the Associated Students of Sonoma State University recognizes the importance of creating and sustaining an inclusive and ethical environment; and

Therefore let it hereby be further resolved that the Associated Students of Sonoma State University supports and endorses the Seawolf Commitment; and

Therefore let it hereby be further resolved that the Associated Students of Sonoma State University encourages the various student-focused entities to incorporate the Seawolf Commitment in their services where applicable; and

Therefore let it hereby be further resolved that the Associated Students of Sonoma State University encourages the faculty to include the Seawolf Commitment in their syllabi and incorporate it, if possible, into course content; and

Therefore let it hereby be further resolved that the Associated Students of Sonoma State University encourages Sonoma State University to develop a “Student Honor Code” with the Seawolf Commitment at its core; and

Therefore let it hereby be further resolved that the Associated Students of Sonoma State University ask that future changes to the Seawolf Commitment and/or the student honor code be brought to the AS Senate to participate in the discussion and editing process.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE AS SENATE BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON NOV 14, 2016.


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