GSA Bill # 12

US Department of Education Proposed Changed Rules on Title IX #HuskerOut4.0

**WHEREAS,** per the passage of Bills 12 and 18 in the 2017-2018 academic year, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) has successfully lobbied legislation pertinent to graduate and professional students;

**WHEREAS,** the Secretary of the US Department of Education (ED) has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which involves important changes including redefining sexual harassment, limiting schools’ responsibility (therefore liability and action) to incidents occurring on campus or within school – sponsored programs, and requiring schools to hold a cross – examination live hearing when sexual misconduct is reported;

**WHEREAS**, the ED proposed Title IX rule is open for public comment until January 28th 2019 at https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=ED-2018-OCR-0064-0001;

**WHEREAS**, graduate and professional students are a particularly vulnerable demographic to sexual harassment and assault, and may especially be impacted by the proposed changes to Title IX;

**WHEREAS**, as per our organizational mission and the established precedent, the GSA can reach out to faculty, staff, students, recognized student organizations, administrators, and others to inform them of how they can advocate to improve the conditions in which graduate and professional students contribute to the University;

**WHEREAS,** the GSA Committee for Diversity and Inclusion is committed to support students from throughout the University community and to ensure that GSA programming is available and pertinent to the diverse graduate student community;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED,** that the GSA will hold a #HuskerOut event before January 28th 2019 encouraging the University community to comment regarding the proposed ED Title IX rule, while making use of its communication channels to promote the University community engagement in said matter;

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY ENACTED,** that the GSA authorizes the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion to allocate up to $50.00 from account 408 (Diversity and Inclusion Committee) for promotional materials.

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