GSA Bill #6
A bill authorizing GSA support for UNL-wide efforts for gender equity and sexual violence prevention.

WHEREAS, the current efforts of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL)¹, the University of Nebraska System², and our partners at other BIG10 institutions³ for gender equity and sexual violence prevention, in the year following the 50th anniversary of the Title IX enactment, require strengthening⁴; and,

WHEREAS, we applaud UNL in striving to welcome ‘non-traditional’ students to our campus⁵ and acknowledge the existence and progress in creating campus-wide lactation rooms⁶, we also point to the scarce number of them present within the UNL campuses; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the existence and progress in creating campus-wide gender-neutral restrooms⁷ equipped to reach the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1999 standards⁸; and,

WHEREAS, security and safety are a top priority at UNL⁹; and,

WHEREAS, we notice the progress of the university in response to and prevention of sexual harassment¹⁰; and,

WHEREAS, the Title IX Office does tremendous work in making our campus more equitable¹¹.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we call upon the UNL community to deepen efforts for gender equity and sexual violence prevention; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we call for each major building on campus to be situated within 1,000 feet of a lactation room; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we call for campus-wide access to menstrual care products and gender inclusive restrooms to fill all gaps in current campus equity maps, especially in the time of economic struggle the United States finds itself, having in mind the graduate student population’s vulnerability to economic hurdles and inflation, with gender minorities in a position of intersectional precarity; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we call for more vital collaboration between UNL and Lincoln Municipal Government in ensuring the replacement of malfunctioning lighting that currently affects the comfort and safety of the UNL community in areas adjacent to UNL campuses; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we call on strategic planning to install safety
kiosks throughout UNL walkways to improve UNL student safety and prompt access to Campus Police and other appropriate support resource; and,

**Therefore, be it resolved,** we stress the importance of familiarizing the graduate student population with the resources available to them as potential victims and gatekeepers of sexual misconduct and harassment; and,

**Therefore, be it finally resolved,** the GSA acknowledges the aforementioned postulates as the roadmap for our UNL community to ensure a safer and more gender-inclusive community.

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