



#### GSA Bill # 4

A bill authorizing GSA co-sponsorship of a visiting scholar- Nina Flores, from CSU Long Beach, her work examines the targeted harassment of faculty members.

**WHEREAS**, Graduate and professional students hold a profound commitment to the principles of free speech, recognizing it as a cornerstone of academic inquiry and intellectual growth. Simultaneously, they vehemently oppose any form of targeted harassment directed towards either faculty members and fellow students. They understand that such behavior undermines the foundations of a healthy academic community, stifling open dialogue and inhibiting the pursuit of knowledge.

**WHEREAS**, National Center for Free Speech and Civil Engagement 2020-2021 Fellow and CSU Long Beach Assistant Professor Nina Flores' work examines the targeted harassment of faculty members by the public (individuals, groups, or organizations), and considers the resulting silencing and self-censorship effects. She has interviewed faculty who were targeted, reviewed existing university policies, and developed a series of information and strategy sessions intended as building blocks for creating a training or workshop series that best suits the needs of an individual campus and their faculty.

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Niehaus, 2022-2023 Senior Fellow, UC National Center for Free Speech and Civil Engagement and UNL Associate Professor, has invited Nina Flores to visit UNL on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to present a talk, workshops on the topic of supporting faculty through incidents of targeted harassment, and to meet with departments, faculty, graduate students to discuss how they can create proactive plans to support faculty members and graduate students if they are targeted because of their work.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that the GSA will co-sponsor her visit.

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