A Resolution to Support Bringing a Women’s Center to The Ohio State University’s Columbus Campus

Caroline Gonzalez (for herself, Tony Buss, Andrew Jackson, Sophie Chang, and Mary Honaker) introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee where it passed.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas women are a marginalized group in society and on campus, and therefore have to overcome more barriers compared to their male peers, and

Whereas The Ohio State University has never established a women’s center to create a safe, physical space or accessible, continuous programming for female students on campus, and

Whereas 1 in 4 women (approximately 7,000 women enrolled at The Ohio State University) anonymously reported experiencing sexual assault at least once during their college career,¹ and

Whereas most female students are not always aware of the resources offered to them at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University does not have enough resources, space, or programming to accommodate the needs of the 28,658 female students on the main campus,² and

Whereas colleges and universities started to establish women’s centers in the 1970’s in order to empower and address the needs of women on campus,³ and

Whereas The University of Michigan,⁴ Harvard University,⁵ Boston College,⁶ Pennsylvania State University,⁷ The University of Minnesota,⁸ The University of Wisconsin,⁹ The University

¹ http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/09/21/transgender_and_freshman_students_report_most_sexual_assaults.html
² https://www.osu.edu/osutoday/stuinfo.php
³ http://www.cuny.edu/about/centers-and-institutes/womens-centers/campuscenters.html
⁴ http://www.cew.umich.edu/about/about
⁵ http://hcwc.fas.harvard.edu/
⁶ http://www.bc.edu/offices/wc.html
⁷ http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/womenscenter/
⁸ https://diversity.umn.edu/women/home
⁹ https://win.wisc.edu/organization/campuswomenscenter
of Illinois,\textsuperscript{10} and Northwestern University\textsuperscript{11} all have a Women’s Center on their main campuses, and

\textbf{Whereas} the Women’s Student Initiatives Leadership Cohort has created a plan and goals for a Women’s Center on campus, and

\textbf{Whereas} a Women’s Center will centralize resources offered to women, provide a safe, physical space for women and all female identifying students, and offer programming to empower and address the needs of women, and

\textbf{Whereas} a Women’s Center will provide the resources to female students, which the main campus currently lacks;

\textbf{Therefore Let it Be Resolved} that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the administration to work with Women’s Student Initiatives, and other student organizations that promote the needs of women, to bring a Women’s Center with programming and staff to the Columbus Campus.


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\textbf{Floor Vote: Aye: 37  Nay: 1  Abstain: 9}
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Date Adopted: December 2, 2015 \hspace{1cm} Date Terminated: _________________
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\textsuperscript{10} https://oiir.illinois.edu/womens-center
\textsuperscript{11} http://www.northwestern.edu/womenscenter/