

A Resolution to Support a Columbus Campus Safety Town Hall

Varsha Challapally (for herself, Braden Poe, Caroline Gonzalez, and Mikayla Bodey) 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 student safety is a primary concern at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas The Ohio State University has experienced many safety concerns in the 2015 Autumn Semester, including numerous robberies,¹ as well as campus wide threats,² and

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government cares about and actively strives to better the safety of students through investing in resources such as a Lifeline Response App,³ as well as off-campus student safety packs,⁴ and,

Whereas former Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee conducted an Off-Campus Safety Town Hall in March 2012,⁵ and

Whereas many Big Ten universities such as Rutgers University,⁶ the University of Minnesota,⁷ and the University of Maryland⁸ regularly hold town halls designed to address student safety, and

Whereas holding a Campus Safety Town Hall will allow students, Ohio State administrators, and members of the Columbus community to address safety concerns in an organized and productive setting;

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government supports the implementation of a Columbus Campus Safety Town Hall, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government shows support in inviting President Michael V. Drake, members of the Ohio State and Columbus Police Departments, Hon. Zachary M. Klein, President of the Columbus City Council, members of the

¹ <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2015/09/29/columbus-chittenden-string-of-robberies-near-campus.html>

² <http://thelantern.com/2015/10/ohio-state-public-safety-sends-mass-email-after-anonymous-online-threat/>

³ <http://thelantern.com/2013/09/spots-still-open-undergraduate-student-government-sponsored-safety-app-pilot-program/>

⁴ <http://thelantern.com/2015/11/undergraduate-student-government-brings-student-safety-packs-to-off-campus-housing/>

⁵ <http://offcampus.osu.edu/articles/off-campus-safety-town-hall-meeting-with-president-gee/>

⁶ <http://cait.rutgers.edu/cait/safety-forum-archive>

⁷ <http://discover.umn.edu/news/campus-community/student-town-hall-forum-tonight>

⁸ <http://www.umaryland.edu/news/archived-news/october-2014/news-press-releases-and-hot-topics/umb-president-and-police-chief-address-public-safety-at-town-hall.php>

39 Columbus City Council including Hon. Jaiza N. Page, Hon. Michael Stinziano, and Hon.
40 Elizabeth Brown, Hon. Priscilla Tyson, and Hon. Shannon Hardin, as well as the newly-elected
41 Mayor of Columbus, Hon. Andrew Ginther, to be guests at the event, and
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43 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that USG work in conjunction with major campus organizations and
44 the Office of Student Life to initiate, plan, and promote the event, and
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46 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government acknowledges the
47 work of Deputy Director of Health & Safety, Sunder Sai, in researching and drafting this
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51 Floor Vote: PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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