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3 **A Resolution to Support Bringing a Women's Center to The Ohio State University's**
4 **Columbus Campus**
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6 Caroline Gonzalez (for herself, Tony Buss, Andrew Jackson, Sophie Chang, and Mary Honaker)
7 introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee where it passed.
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11 **Whereas** the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The
12 Ohio State University, and
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14 **Whereas** women are a marginalized group in society and on campus, and therefore have to
15 overcome more barriers compared to their male peers, and
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17 **Whereas** The Ohio State University has never established a women's center to create a safe,
18 physical space or accessible, continuous programming for female students on campus, and
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20 **Whereas** 1 in 4 women (approximately 7,000 women enrolled at The Ohio State University)
21 anonymously reported experiencing sexual assault at least once during their college career,¹ and
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23 **Whereas** most female students are not always aware of the resources offered to them at The
24 Ohio State University, and
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26 **Whereas** the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University does not have enough resources,
27 space, or programming to accommodate the needs of the 28,658 female students on the main
28 campus,² and
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30 **Whereas** colleges and universities started to establish women's centers in the 1970's in order to
31 empower and address the needs of women on campus,³ and
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33 **Whereas** The University of Michigan,⁴ Harvard University,⁵ Boston College,⁶ Pennsylvania
34 State University,⁷ The University of Minnesota,⁸ The University of Wisconsin,⁹ The University

¹http://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,¹⁰ and Northwestern University¹¹ all have a Women's Center on their main campuses, and

Whereas the Women's Student Initiatives Leadership Cohort has created a plan and goals for a Women's Center on campus, and

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

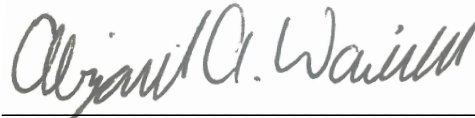
Whereas a Women's Center will provide the resources to female students, which the main campus currently lacks;

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.

Floor Vote: Aye: 37 Nay: 1 Abstain: 9



Abby Grossman
President



Abby Waidelich
Vice President

Date Adopted: December 2, 2015

Date Terminated: _____

¹⁰ <https://oiir.illinois.edu/womens-center>

¹¹ <http://www.northwestern.edu/womenscenter/>