

A Resolution to Advocate for Student Safety by Ending the Mirror Lake Jump

Joseph Warnimont (for himself, Annie Greer, Levi Cramer, Braden Poe, and Bobby Singh) introduced the following resolution into Steering where it passed.

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

Whereas The Ohio State University has a long history of different traditions practiced by its students for the sake of school spirit, and

Whereas traditions end over the years for various reasons, including safety,¹ and

Whereas the tradition of jumping into Mirror Lake during the week of the Ohio State vs University of Michigan football game has occurred in one form or another since 1990², and

Whereas this event has been riddled throughout its history by accidents³, and

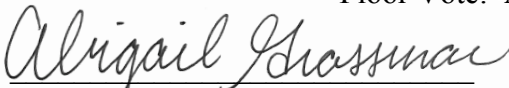
Whereas the tragic loss of life that occurred at the most recent Mirror Lake jump on the morning of November 25, 2015⁴ underscores the very real danger the event poses to participants;

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Mirror Lake jump should be ended, and

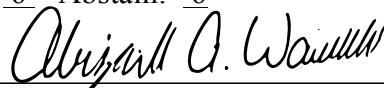
Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government will make every effort to support a new tradition created by the students that celebrates our university while respecting the safety of its students, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that USG offers its condolences to the family and friends of Austin Singletary and mourns the loss to the greater university.

Floor Vote: Aye: 35 Nay: 6 Abstain: 6



Abby Grossman
President



Abby Wadelich
Vice President

Date Adopted: December 2, 2015

Date Terminated: _____

¹ <https://library.osu.edu/blogs/archives/2013/05/30/long-gone-campus-traditions-cut-throat-competition-for-the-cane/>

² <http://thelantern.com/2005/11/how-the-mirror-lake-jump-came-to-be/>

³ <http://thelantern.com/2005/11/mirror-lake-poses-a-real-threat-for-trespassers/>

⁴ <https://news.osu.edu/news/2015/11/25/update-mirror-lake/>