Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PUBLIC APOLOGY FROM THE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD

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Resolution Number: 6.08-09

WHEREAS the University of Washington Role and Mission Statement reads, “the University fosters an environment in which its students can develop mature and independent judgment and an appreciation of the range and diversity of human achievement;” and

WHEREAS the GPSS promotes diversity and a safe learning environment for all; and

WHEREAS in the November 25, 2008 edition of The Daily, there was a picture of a man and a sheep, created by Matthew Jackson, accompanying the article “Gay Marriage? Let’s stop and think about this,” written by John Fay; and

WHEREAS the juxtaposition of the image with the article implied that homosexuality is likened to bestiality; and

WHEREAS the Editorial Board of The Daily is responsible for the placement of the image next to the article; and

WHEREAS many graduate and professional students found this to be offensive, hateful, unprofessional, and contrary to our goal of creating a safe learning environment for all students,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the GPSS officially requests 1) an explanation of The Daily’s publication standards ensuring journalistic integrity about the selection of articles, the selection of accompanying images, and the layout for all sections of the paper including the opinions section, 2) sharing of any contemplated amendments to The Daily’s publication standards ensuring journalistic integrity, and 3) an apology from the Editorial Board of The Daily, all to be printed in the same newspaper; or

THAT the GPSS officially requests the Editor-in-Chief and the Opinions Editor of The Daily to resign.

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