Title: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADDITIONS TO CRIMINAL INCIDENT NOTIFICATION EMAILS SENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON COMMUNITY

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WHEREAS emails submitted by the University of Washington Police Department perform an important and legally mandated function, informing students in an expedient fashion regarding all criminal activities on campus; and

WHEREAS these emails also perform the function of enabling the UW community to be vigilant and secure by providing details on criminal suspects and “preventative tips” (although the “tips” can be apprehended as implicit victim-blaming, regardless of intent and ought to include a retroactive disclaimer); and

WHEREAS the emails further benefit the community by sharing numbers for security guard escorts and the UW Police Department; and

WHEREAS the University of Washington’s Graduate and Professional Student Senate believes that further information ought to be added to the criminal notification emails, referencing facilities providing care after criminal occurrences; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned emails are an ideal communicative medium for the conveyance of information regarding these facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT a note be inserted below the “preventative tips” section of all criminal notification emails which reads “The above tips are not intended to assign (even partial) blame to victims of crimes on or off-campus”

THAT a postscript be included at the conclusion of all criminal notification emails, which will read: “In the interest of public well-being: If you are a University of Washington student on the Seattle campus, the following resources are available to you. 1. The Counseling Center, located in Schmitz Hall, which offers free appointments to all matriculated students. 2. Hall Health’s Mental Health Clinic (located in Hall Health’s Primary Care Center). This clinic accepts insurance and is available to all students (some limitations apply).”

THAT a second postscript also be included at the conclusion of all criminal notification emails, which will read: “In the interest of public well-being, if you are a member of the
Seattle community, the following resources are also available to you: 1. The King County Sexual Assault Resource Center: A 24-7 hotline at 888-99-VOICE. 2. Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress at 206-744-1600.”

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce, Graduate and Professional Student Senate President Elloise Kim, Associated Students of the University of Washington President Daniele Menéz, Daily Editor-in-Chief Mohammed Kloub, UW Counseling Center Director Natasha Foo Kune, Hall Health Mental Health Clinic Head Rachel Gerken, and Title IX/ADA Coordinator Kate Leonard

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