

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020 - 1037

TITLE: Resolution Addressing the Implementation of Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training Within the Four University of Florida Greek Councils

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WHEREAS, The University of Florida has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and domestic abuse or stalking; and,

WHEREAS, UFsurvivors Twitter page has proven that sexual assault is an issue within the UF community; and,

WHEREAS, Green Dot is a best practice, comprehensive approach to violence prevention targeting all campus community members as potential allies and bystanders by engaging them in prevention through awareness, education and skills practice; and,

WHEREAS, The Florida Greek Community fosters the development of individuals who embody the values of leadership, service, scholarship and community while maintaining respect for the values, traditions, and rituals of the 66 member chapters; and,

WHEREAS, the coordination of efforts within members of the four Florida Greek Communities can lead to the implementation of Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training among thousands of University of Florida Students; and,

WHEREAS, a community of Green Dot Gators can be empowered to establish intolerance of violence as the norm; and,

WHEREAS, “Ann Coker at the University of Kentucky's Center for Research on Violence Against Women (CRVAW) led a study pertaining to the effectiveness at Green Dots' reduction of sexual violence. In the study, CRVAW found a greater than 50% reduction in the self-reported frequency of sexual violence perpetration by students at schools that received Green Dot training”; and, [1]

WHEREAS, One in five women in college experiences sexual assault and 1 in 16 men experiences sexual assault; and, [1][2]

WHEREAS, the implementation of Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training among all new members of Greek Organizations from this point forward will guarantee all active members of the four University of Florida Greek Council will have received this training by 2024; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training as a necessary programming requirement among all future new member classes of all organizations within the four University of Florida Greek Councils.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of Active Bystander Intervention, and the significance of preventing interpersonal violence within the University of Florida Community.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes, and calls upon the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council to proceed in mandating the implementation of said programming.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Reginald Lane Director, Office Of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs Jack Casseaux Director, Student Activities & Involvement, Simonne Horman Assistant Director, Office Of Sorority & Fraternity Affairs, Megan Johnson, CWHC Health Promotion Specialist, Interpersonal Violence Prevention, Samuel Nelzy, President- National Panhellenic Council Alexa Jean-Young, President- UF Panhellenic Hailey Derigo, President- UF Multicultural Greek Council Stephen Greep, President- UF Interfraternal Council.

[1] Hautala, Keith. "'Green Dot' Effective at Reducing Sexual Violence." University of Kentucky News: UKNOW. College of Arts and Sciences, 10 Sept. 2014. Web.
<http://uknow.uky.edu/content/green-dot-effective-reducing-sexual-violence>

[2] Krebs, C., Lindquist, C., Berzofsky, M., Shook-Sa, B., Peterson, K. (2016). Campus Climate Survey Validation Study Final Technical Report. Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice.

[3] Krebs, C., Lindquist, C., Berzofsky, M., Shook-Sa, B., Peterson, K. (2016)