A Resolution to Support the Department of Neurobiology and the Department of Psychology for Taking a Stance Against Sexual Assault

WHEREAS the University of Alabama at Birmingham Undergraduate Student Government Association has the honor and responsibility of representing the entire undergraduate student voice; and

WHEREAS it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards positive and relevant changes; and

WHEREAS the UAB USGA stands in solidarity with sexual assault survivors and denounces sexual harassment and assault; and

WHEREAS Campbell Hall and the Shelby Biomedical Research Building displayed paintings done by an individual accused of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS these paintings were created by a member in the Department of Neurobiology and Department of Psychology and are now housed in the rooms of Department of Neurobiology and Department of Psychology; and

WHEREAS these paintings could be taken as a passive support of sexual assault as well as potentially trigger a traumatic episode in an individual due to the history and the presentation of these paintings; and

WHEREAS when this issue was brought to the attention of the Department of Neurobiology and the Department of Psychology, the Department of Neurobiology and the Department of Psychology immediately took action to remove these paintings; and

WHEREAS the Department of Neurobiology and the Department of Psychology takes these matters seriously and supports the removal of these paintings; and

WHEREAS the Department of Neurobiology and Department of Psychology stands by their vision statement to “Do right—Follow through, work with principles and do no harm”.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate student population, supports and commends these actions of the Department of Neurobiology and the Department of Psychology for taking a stand against sexual assault and for supporting sexual assault victims.

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