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

1 WHEREAS the University of Alabama at Birmingham Undergraduate Student
2 Government Association has the honor and responsibility of representing the entire
3 undergraduate student voice; and
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5 WHEREAS it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards
6 positive and relevant changes; and
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8 WHEREAS the UAB USGA stands in solidarity with sexual assault survivors and
9 denounces sexual harassment and assault; and
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11 WHEREAS Campbell Hall and the Shelby Biomedical Research Building displayed
12 paintings done by an individual accused of sexual assault; and
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14 WHEREAS these paintings were created by a member in the Department of
15 Neurobiology and Department of Psychology and are now housed in the rooms of
16 Department of Neurobiology and Department of Psychology; and
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18 WHEREAS these paintings could be taken as a passive support of sexual assault as
19 well as potentially trigger a traumatic episode in an individual due to the history and the
20 presentation of these paintings; and
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22 WHEREAS when this issue was brought to the attention of the Department of
23 Neurobiology and the Department of Psychology, the Department of Neurobiology and
24 the Department of Psychology immediately took action to remove these paintings; and
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26 WHEREAS the Department of Neurobiology and the Department of Psychology takes
27 these matters seriously and supports the removal of these paintings; and
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29 WHEREAS the Department of Neurobiology and Department of Psychology stands by
30 their vision statement to “Do right--Follow through, work with principles and do no
31 harm”.

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

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