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In Support of the RE Initiative

- Whereas, one-in-five students experience gender-based violence (GBV) while attending Winona State University (Campus Climate Survey, 2017).
- Whereas, the highest rates of dating and domestic violence are among women ages 18 to 24 (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2006).
- *Whereas*, the Winona State RE Initiative has been an invaluable resource providing education and advocacy regarding GBV for students since 2013.
- *Whereas*, the Winona State RE Initiative will not receive continued grant funding from the Department of Justice.
- *Therefore be it resolved,* that WSUSS advocates for the university to fund a gender-based prevention program resembling the RE Initiative.
- *Be it further resolved*, that WSUSS recommends that a gender-based violence prevention program is implemented by Spring Semester 2020.

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