

## JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

### A MOTION TO SUPPORT SGA'S BILL OF OPINION REGARDING TITLE IX POLICY

Whereas, Student Government Association Senator Erin Coogan authored a Bill of Opinion that was endorsed by 25 student senators, 3 representatives, and the leadership team of the Student Government Association (SGA) that requested that James Madison University improve their handling of Title IX cases especially those involving faculty sexual misconduct and to expand survivor support services, AND;

Whereas, the Bill of Opinion was accompanied with the 200 student signatures that are required to be submitted in SGA's Constitution when this type of document is presented in the Student Senate, AND;

Whereas, the Bill of Opinion is endorsed by the JMU College Democrats, JMU College Republicans, Students Against Sexual Violence (SASV), and the Panhellenic Council, AND;

Whereas, the Bill of Opinion passed the Student Senate with a unanimous vote on Tuesday, February 26, 2020 which meant that SGA could begin getting 10% of the student body's signatures, AND;

Whereas, the Bill of Opinion is currently on track to receive the 10% of student body's signatures, equaling 2,182 students, that are needed for it to be presented to the Student Senate and for a final confirmation by the Executive Leadership Team, AND;

Whereas, Provost Heather Coltman, Dr. Tim Miller, and Donna Harper sent out a university communication regarding SGA's Bill of Opinion to JMU students, parents, faculty and staff on February 20, 2020, AND;

Whereas, the university communication expressed support for many of the changes listed within the Bill of Opinion and how JMU plans to implement these changes, AND;

Whereas, the Bill of Opinion calls for the university to improve their educational programming about Title IX policy for students, faculty, and staff and expand survivor support services including but not limited to:

- Hiring two additional employees for the Well's Survivor Advocacy Office that only focus on incoming casework and program development for survivors
- Establishing an oversight mechanism within the Provost's Office to address faculty misconduct

- Requiring annual Title IX training for faculty
- Integrating the Faculty Handbook's policy prohibiting intimate relationships between faculty and students into 1787 Orientation, Faculty Title IX training, and the Faculty Welcome
- Adding The Well's Sexual Violence Prevention and Survivor Advocacy Office and JMU's Title IX Office phone numbers to the back of the JMU Access Card (JACards), AND;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

The Faculty Senate of James Madison University pledge their support for the measures reflected in the Bill of Opinion submitted by SGA Senator Erin Coogan and others.